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SCORCHED: Temperatures reached 800C inside the house where Dr Usmani and her five children perished, an inquest heard

Appeal from **distraught** husband and father

SOLE survivor Dr Abdul Shakoor has again appealed to the Harlow community for help to catch those responsible for starting the fire which claimed the lives of his wife and five children.

Speaking after the inquest, he said: "The police and detectives are working hard to catch the perpetrators behind it and they also rely heavily on the



PLEA FOR HELP: Dr Abdul Shakoor

Harlow community to get some tips." He added his family were disappointed that no-one has been charged or convicted

after two years. He continued: "We live in fear about possible dangers from the perpetrators who are still free." Det Supt Rob Vinson, leading the investigation, added: "A mother and five children have been killed and this house fire is utterly tragic. "Somebody has got information and I urge them to come forward."

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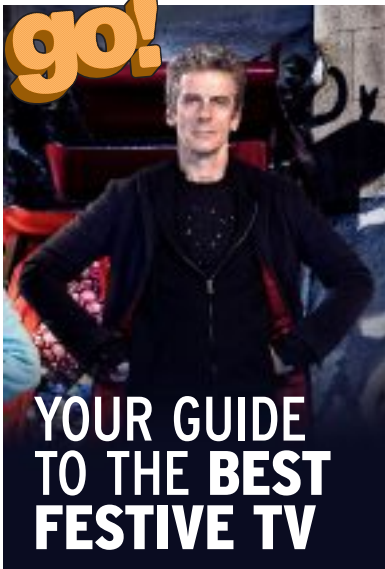
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Switch-off poses increased risk to drivers, says AA

Unlit roads putting lives at risk, report reveals

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SWITCHING off street lights is posing an increased risk to drivers on blacked-out streets, according to a report by the AA.

The motoring organisation said the increase in unlit roads posed a danger to motorists, pedestrians and cyclists and claimed councils are creating early morning 'blackouts' as an economy measure.

The AA said the five worst councils for street lighting in this year's National Highways and Transport Network public satisfaction survey, all operate a street light 'blackout' during the early hours of the morning.

Essex County Council was bottom of a league of 78 councils with a score of 45.1 per cent.

The AA said Government figures showed that over the past five years improved road safety has seen accidents in hours of darkness on built-up roads where there is street lighting fall 18.6 per cent overall, and by 24 per cent in the wet, snow and ice.

But where street lights were turned off or not present, the reduction was 12 per cent overall and 16.7 per cent in bad weather. The AA added that the situation was worse on faster roads.

Since 2008, night-time accidents on street-lit 40mph sections have dropped 24.1 per cent overall and 30.4 per cent in wet, snow or icy conditions, but are down only 10.4 per cent on both counts where street lights were off or not present.

"New official road safety statistics show that accident rates on blacked-out town and city roads are not getting better," said an AA spokesman. "We would ask that, as a priority, the lights go back on along 40mph or faster roads in built-up areas."

"Crash investigators in inquiries



CAMPAIGN: Labour parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride joins protesters who are calling for street lights to be switched back on across Essex

have consistently stated that drivers who keep to the speed limit on those roads have little or no chance of missing pedestrians that suddenly appear out of the dark."

He added: "If not, with national and local elections looming, putting cost-savings before road safety hands political opponents a strong populist position to argue on the doorsteps."

On Tuesday Harlow Labour parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride joined campaigners at a meeting of Essex County Council to call for street lights to be turned back on.

During the summer Ms Stride started a petition which she has taken door to door over the past few months and which has gathered more than 2,000 signatures.

Illegal camp sets up on tennis court

AN illegal Traveller encampment is occupying the tennis courts at the GPCA in Abercrombie Way, Harlow.

The courts are owned by Harlow Council, which has asked Essex Police to use a Section 61 notice to move on the 18 caravans.

A council spokesman said: "Community safety officers are serving a direction to leave this morning (Wednesday) and the Travellers have been asked to leave on or before 4pm."

"In addition the Travellers have been written to advising that should the council have to clear up their rubbish after they have vacated this encampment, the council will recharge them for clearance. Should there be non-payment, the council will issue county court proceedings to recover the debt."

"Thames Water will be onsite within four-10 hours to secure the area on the tennis courts where there is a collapsed drain."

Elsewhere, nine caravans still remain on the Showground in Harlow Town Park, which is also land owned by Harlow Council. There are five caravans in an encampment at Astra House car park in Edinburg Way on privately owned land.

An illegal encampment of four caravans is also occupying South Road cycle track, land owned by Essex County Council, who have served a direction to leave by midday yesterday.

Clinic move for hospital

THE outpatient fracture clinic at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow is to move temporarily to the Herts and Essex Hospital at Bishop's Stortford to allow refurbishment work to take place.

Patients who have outpatient fracture clinic appointments have been notified of the change of location by letter, phone and text.

The moves takes place on Monday and is expected to last until the spring.

FATAL FIRE INQUEST: Open verdict on tragic family deaths

POLICE ESCORT: The cortege of hearses which carried the six victims to the funeral



Brave mum fought in vain to shield children from flames

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AN inquest into the deaths of a mother and her five children in a fire in Harlow heard how she wrapped herself around her toddler daughter in a bid to protect her.

Dr Sabah Usmani crouched over her youngest child, covering them both with a blanket as she struggled in vain to protect the toddler from the flames and smoke.

The 44-year-old and her five children all died in the blaze on October 15, 2012, at Barn Mead.

The only surviving member of the family, Dr Usmani's husband Dr Abdul Shakoor, wept during the inquest at Chelmsford Coroner's Court on Thursday as details of the deaths of his family were given.

Essex Senior Coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray recorded open verdicts on Dr Usmani and Hira, 12, Sohaib, 11, Muneeb, nine, Rayyan, six and Maheen, three. The youngest child survived three days after the blaze, but died on October 18.

Fumes

Dr Usmani died from burns and inhalation of fumes; Hira died from burns and inhalation of fumes; Sohaib from inhalation of fire fumes and burning; Muneeb from inhalation of fumes; Rayyan from inhalation of fumes and Maheen from complications arising from inhalation of fumes and severe burning.

The inquest heard that the fire started in the lounge, between a sofa and armchair. It tore the plaster off the walls, spread into the hall and up the stairs.

The flames also travelled up outside both the front and rear of the property "which is why the family was unable to escape", said Essex Fire and Rescue Service investigator David Ajikostis.

Blaze 'may have been deliberate or accidental'

THE cause of a house fire in Harlow which claimed the lives of a mother and five children remains a mystery, an inquest heard.

Essex Fire and Rescue Service investigator David Ajikostis told the inquest at Chelmsford Coroner's Court on Thursday that the blaze could have been started either accidentally or deliberately.

Fire investigators found a single pin of a plug in an electrical socket - which Dr Shakoor said he did not know was there - behind the sofa but no remains of any appliance. Mr Ajikostis said that it was possible, though unlikely,

that this was the cause. But he said after the enquiries it had not been possible to eliminate it as a potential source of ignition.

Forensic scientist Iain Peck told the hearing: "The fire was a human act and most likely the result of a flame ignition."

Evidence

He added that he could not exclude the fact that the pin in the socket might have failed, but said there was no direct evidence that the fire was as a result of that.

Police are continuing their murder inquiry and believe the house had been burgled and a



FLORAL TRIBUTES: Well-wishers left flowers in sympathy as news of the tragic fire began to filter through to the community

Picture by Steve Weemes

Essex senior coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray commented on Dr Shakoor's dignified demeanour: "You have suffered the most indescribable of human tragedies, a whole family wiped out in one evening," she told him.

The coroner also commended the Muslim community for their "great support" of Dr Shakoor.

Mrs Beasley-Murray said there was insufficient evidence for verdicts of unlawful killing or involuntary manslaughter. She added: "I am sure all of us were touched by the little bit of evidence that Maheen's mother was trying her best to protect her at the end."

The Shakoor's arrived in the UK from Pakistan in September 2010 and initially lived in Winchester.

Dr Shakoor, a diabetes specialist, worked at Royal Hampshire Hospital before moving to Harlow in September 2011. He took up a post at Princess Alexandra Hospital and the family moved into the rented end-of-terrace house in Barn Mead.



WRACKED WITH GRIEF: Abdul Shakoor, centre, flanked by family and friends as they followed the hearses

Picture: Vikki Linco

Heroic efforts of firefighters who braved inferno praised

HEROIC firefighters battled temperatures up to 800C to bring out Shakoor family members in just over 15 minutes, with one crew member going in four times.

At Thursday's inquest, Essex Fire and Rescue Service investigator David Ajikostis described how Dr Shakoor and his wife were awoken at 1.20am on October 15, 2012.

His wife urged him to get all the



GUTTED: Inside the house children together in their room and he, unable to use his mobile

phone in the pitch black smoke, dropped out of his bedroom window to summon help.

When outside, he noticed the front door was open.

Dr Shakoor and neighbour John Bonfante tried to rescue the family but were beaten back by the severe heat and smoke.

Essex Senior Coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray paid tribute to the firefighter's "heroic efforts".

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Unfair to stop cheaper fares

SIR Having put my hand out to catch the bus yesterday morning, I was totally shocked to be told that the subsidised fares were no longer available.

This has been put in place just before Christmas when people need to use the buses most and when money is tight.

As a partially sighted passenger who is doing her best to work for a living, I have always been grateful for the reduced fare before 9am as it enables me to get to work. If I travel after that when my disabled pass is in full force, I am then late into work and have to make up my time.

I feel that it is totally thoughtless of the bus company to do this to passengers with concessionary passes with no notice at all. The sign that was on the bus was so tiny that it was not possible for me to read it.

Is it really fair to spring this on us without warning just because people are disabled and vulnerable? I also sympathise with the drivers having to deal with people with issues over this because their bosses were too selfish to advertise the change.

I am sure that I am not the only person who has issues with this action.

Frankie Woolgar
Milwards, Harlow

Excellence in GP surgeries

SIR I read with interest the letter from Brian Balmer, chief executive of the North and South Essex Local Medical Committee, in which he states the source criterion used to prioritise Care Quality Commission inspections of local GP surgeries is flawed (Star, November 27).

It may or may not be – the general public will not have access or knowledge to his references – but I do believe residents of Harlow are more interested in searching for excellent standards in all areas of GP practices to be accomplished.

Mr Balmer says the inspections are to “determine whether practices are safe, effective, caring, responsive and well lead”, which I am very pleased to hear. Either way, I understand local visits have been made and the view of the

My support for NHS will not waver

SIR If I could ask for one wish for a Christmas present from Harlow Labour parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride it would be the gift of an identical twin brother. It might then be possible for me to be in two places at once.

I am criticised for not caring about the NHS because I was unable to attend a Friday Parliamentary debate. Not every Labour MP was at this particular debate either but I somehow doubt Ms Stride will be issuing press releases criticising their absence.

It is worth noting that, as I am sure she knows, I have to balance my time in Parliament with my community visits in Harlow. For this reason most of my community work takes place on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

On the day of the NHS debate I had a long-standing commitment to visit Greenbrook Industries in Harlow, an electrical business that is one of the leading in the country and a significant employer of Harlow residents. This was something I was pleased to do and would not have cancelled.

On the issue itself, I care deeply about the NHS and certainly would not be supporting any policies that undermined its basic principles.

The Government has invested hugely in Harlow's NHS – £6m has gone to Princess Alexandra Hospital in recent years, £1m has gone to create a new kidney dialysis unit and £500,000 to St Clare Hospice.

Nationally, there are 5,600 more nurses and 8,000 more doctors, 19,000 fewer managers'

CQC felt that issues exist and that residents have been included in their views.

When practices offer three-four week appointment times, lose good GPs and experienced staff and confuse referrals it is then patients lose confidence in their doctors. Consequently people are finding they are forced to find health care in other places, including the private sector.

This unfair delivery of health care places further financial burdens as well, which clearly demonstrate that some GP services are not fit for purpose.

Mr Balmer concludes by asking residents who are not happy to discuss their concerns with their GP I am sure Harlow residents have been active in coming forward with their views to GPs but feel that no-one is listening.

I am not sure Mr Balmer appreciates the demands being placed not just on GPs but also the residents of Harlow and their families who I feel deserve a better service. Presumably he is judging performance by the combination of misrepresentative analytics

collated within the NHS and not the real world.

Kevin Forbes
address supplied

>>>keeping it brief

SIR If the authorities can't get rid of a few Travellers (Star, November 27), what chance does the Government have of removing the Taliban or ISIS?

Terry Slater
Moorfield, Harlow

Fit sensors to street lights

SIR I really do not understand all the kerfuffle over the need to turn on/turn off street lights at night.

Earlier this year my wife and I went to Turkey on holiday. When you come out of a lot of hotels at night and look up the road it is pitch black. There is not a street light on.

But when you walk along the road the lights come on as you approach them and go off after

and an end to mixed sex wards.

In the Autumn Statement the Chancellor announced a further £2 bn is to be spent on the NHS and the fines raised from bankers are to be used to increase spending on GP services. The country is spending £300m a day on the NHS, hardly the actions of a Government that wanted to privatise it.

By contrast, Labour's record on the NHS is far more questionable. Under the last Labour government not only did we have the scandal of the NHS in Mid Staffordshire but Gordon Brown signed NHS private finance deals worth £11.4bn which will cost the taxpayer more than £65bn by the time the debts have been paid off. If that was not failed privatisation I don't know what is.

The independent website TheyWorkForYou.com, says my voting record and speaking record in Parliament is well above the average of other MPs. For that reason people from all political parties have kindly recognised my work in cutting and freezing fuel duty, championing apprentices, getting free school meals for disadvantaged Harlow College students and improving guidelines and concessions regarding hospital car parking charges.

On a final point, I recently have been delivering an NHS survey to most homes in Harlow. This will help give me a serious and objective view on the NHS from residents in Harlow.

Robert Halfon MP
House of Commons

you have passed.

They are obviously fitted with motion sensors so no pedestrians means no wasted street lights. When there are pedestrians the lights are on.

Why, then, does Britain not adopt the same simple system?

D.J. Barr
Rivermill, Harlow

Back on the bandwagon

SIR Over the past four years Robert Halfon's record for jumping on bandwagons has been second to none, but as the general election approaches he has gone into veritable overdrive.

You can't open the pages of the Star each week without being regaled with yet another Halfon bandwagon exploit. Indeed, he now often appears to be riding two at once, a difficult feat no matter how experienced you are.

We've now had, at an increasing gallop, the new junction off the M11 bandwagon, the hospital parking bandwagon, the Travellers encampments bandwagon, the M&S closure

bandwagon, the nominate the best retailers in Harlow bandwagon and, most recently, the fighting to improve Harlow's rail services and the what do you think of the NHS in Harlow bandwagons.

It fair takes your breath away and I'm sure there's some I've forgot. This means petitions for us to sign, nominations to make, surveys to fill in and comments for the railways minister to complete. It's difficult to keep up with it all.

As for our MP, I'm worried about him. I really think his agent should take him gently to one side and point out that just maybe he's working a little too hard for Harlow and that if he's not careful he's in grave danger of succumbing to bandwagon burnout.

I mean we want him fighting fit for the general election, don't we? Ready and waiting to jump once again on the biggest bandwagon of them all.

D. Ives
Bishopsfield, Harlow

>>>keeping it brief

SIR I would just like to say thank you very much to the kind gentleman who helped me up when I fell over at the Tesco petrol station at Templefields, Harlow, on Sunday, November 31.

D. Carlisle
Chippingfield, Old Harlow

What we need is a bypass

SIR The Minister of Transport announced that £50m worth of improvements at junction 7 of the M11 at Harlow will make development easier and provide quicker access to and from the town (Star, December 4).

This is good news for the people of Old Harlow as it seems the suggestion over the unwanted junction 7A has been aborted.

But it is not really the Christmas present Harlow needs. What Harlow needs is a bypass to the north of the town and not more major traffic disruption by tinkering with the existing M11 junction.

We are told that our local MP has the ear of the Chancellor. Shame he did not shout a bit louder for Harlow's interests.

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Rugby club homes in on ground move

SUPPORTERS of Harlow Rugby Club are calling on councillors to support its proposed move to a new purpose-built community sports facility at the western end of Lattion Farm.

The club's application to move to Lattion Farm, financed by a proposal to build 125 homes on its current ground at Ram Gorse, is due to be discussed at Harlow Council's development management committee meeting next week.

The club says it is "desperate" to upgrade its facilities so it can meet the growing demand from the community. It currently has more than 350 playing members across 16 teams, including six mini rugby and four girls and ladies sides.

It has warned that if it fails to get permission it faces a "period of uncertainty" as it struggles to find more than £1m which would be required to bring the current facilities up to the standards of a modern community rugby club.

The proposal for Lattion Farm includes four full-sized pitches and two mini rugby pitches as well as a clubhouse with changing facilities for men, women and children.

Club president Alan Price said: "We are run by a group of tremendously passionate volunteers who serve the club with pride and honour, but if our long-term future is to be secured then we need the support of councillors to allow our move to go ahead."

"We are bound by the principle

of sport for all but our current facilities are completely unsuitable for children and ladies teams. To keep membership fees at a reasonable level we need to raise £100,000 a year from the clubhouse and bar, which is hard with our current shabby and dated facilities."

He added: "The club has carved out a great role in the community with hundreds of people, especially children, playing sport here every week. The proposal will ensure that the space is kept green and open along a key through fare leading to the town centre for centuries to come."

"The council now has a chance to create a lasting legacy for community sport that we can all be proud of."

Two arrested in hospital after horror on M25

Fatal accident closes road for 13 hours

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TWO men have been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving following a multi-vehicle crash which closed a stretch of the M25 for more than 13 hours.

The pair – a man aged 33 and a man aged 25 – were arrested in hospital where they were being treated for injuries following the accident in the early hours of Tuesday.

Police shut the motorway from its junction with the M11 at Epping to the A10 at Enfield following the accident near Waltham Abbey.

A 39-year-old man from Leicester was killed in the crash which happened at 1.50am and involved four lorries and a car. Four other people were taken to hospital.

Diversions were put in place but traffic in Harlow ground to a halt as motorists sought alternative routes. Some drivers caught up in the chaos said the queues were so bad a journey usually lasting around 20 minutes took up to four hours.

According to police, one of the lorries crossed over the central barrier into the opposite carriageway and collided with the other vehicles. Officers described



CARNAGE: The scene of the crash

the scene as a "catastrophic scene of carnage".

Some motorists were trapped and a number of vehicles ended up on the wrong side of the road. Debris from the vehicles involved was spread across both sides of the motorway.

The road was partially reopened at 3pm with traffic using two lanes in both directions, but a 40mph speed limit was put in place for safety reasons.

Teams of road crews worked through Tuesday night, when

traffic levels had reduced, to repair the damage to the surface of the carriageway.

Repairs to the central concrete barrier will, however, take more time and for this reason lane four in each direction is expected to be out of action for a few days.

A Highways Agency spokesman said at least 40 metres of the structure will need to be rebuilt, with temporary safety barriers put in place until the permanent concrete barrier is fully set and strong enough.

Traffic through the area of roadworks between junctions 26 and 27 will be controlled using the Smart Motorway technology to keep congestion to the minimum possible. This is likely to be a 40mph speed limit, with the lane closure indicated on gantry and overhead signs.

Train services through Harlow were severely disrupted on Tuesday because of damage to overhead cables at Roydon.

More than 50 trains on West Anglia routes and the Stansted Express were cancelled and services were affected into the evening.

Train operator Abellio Greater Anglia said it was unable to lay on a replacement transport service to Stansted Airport because of the congestion caused by the accident on the M25.

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Luxury and tragedy of floating palace which met end after being hit by torpedo

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INCLUSIVE performing arts group Razed Roof is calling on the community to help bring to life their latest production.

Written exclusively for Razed Roof by playwright Judith Johnson, *Lusitania: The Floating Palace*, will follow the story of RMS Lusitania, which was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland by a German U-boat during the First World War.

To bring to life the story for performers and audiences, the group is asking the community of Harlow to share any family memories of the disaster.

Razed Roof volunteer Mandy Jacobs explained: "Do you have a relative who built it or worked on the Lusitania? Or travelled on it or perished or survived the disaster?"

Stories

"We want to hear people's stories to help bring to life our story of the Lusitania."

RMS Lusitania, owned and operated by the Cunard Company, sunk in just 18 minutes on May 7, 1915, with the loss of 1,201 lives. The sinking of the unarmed passenger ship as it sailed from New York to Liverpool was one of the most horrific incidents at sea during the war and caused international outrage.

The German Government claimed that the Lusitania was carrying military sup-



PLAYERS: The cast ready for action

plies but Britain and America declared the sinking unlawful.

The disaster devastated the tight-knit dockland community in north Liverpool, where most of Lusitania's crew lived.

Poignantly, the group's matinee show at Harlow Playhouse on May 7 next year will be performed 100 years to the day and within minutes of the time the ship went down.

Razed Roof artistic director Annette Lidster said: "What we're hoping to do is hold an exhibition with people's stor-

ies."

Annette explained that the group had already discovered that a man from Bishop's Stortford had died on the ship.

Archibald Parsons, 30, who is thought



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REHEARSALS: In full swing as players work on the play

to have lived in Portland Road, was travelling from New York. His body was recovered from the sea and he is buried in Cobh, Ireland.

"I got this flood of emotion. It was very emotional [hearing what happened]," Annette explained.

Musician Pat Crilly is also working with the group to write music and lyrics.

Razed Roof is based at Harlow Playhouse where the inclusive company of up to 40 work together for over six hours



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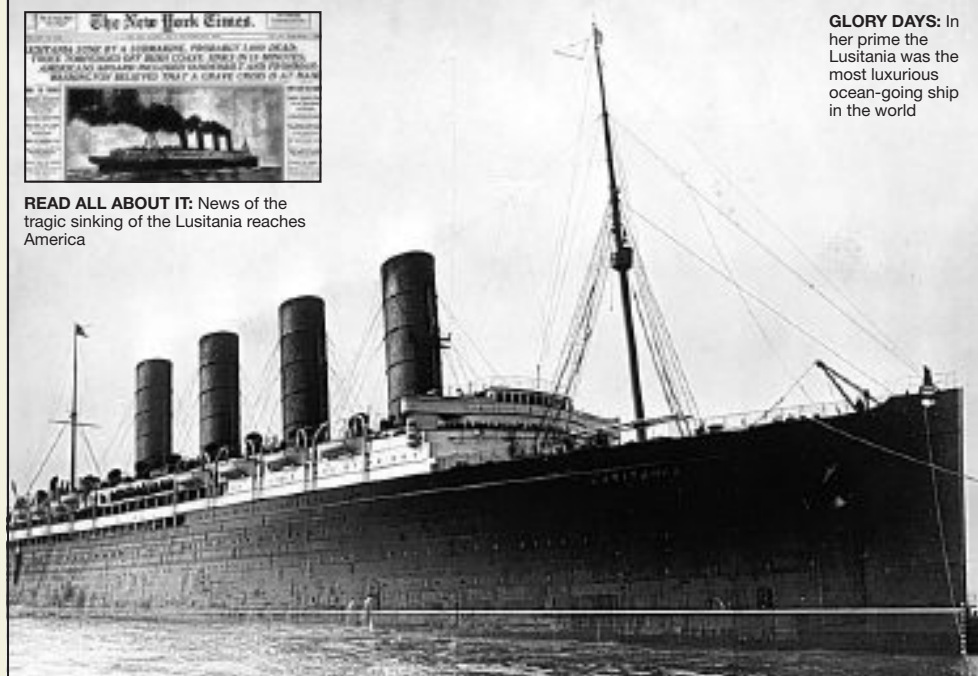
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Helping hand for homeless

Centre celebrates its fifth anniversary



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PARTY: The group is celebrating five years of helping others

A DROP-IN centre for Harlow's homeless and vulnerable celebrated a successful five years with an event at St Paul's Church.

The Helping Hands Club, which works closely with homeless charity Streets2Homes, operates from St Paul's Church, offering hot drinks and snacks as well as help with budgeting, general advice and friendship.

Vicky Cooledge, who runs the centre, it could not have done so without the help of its supporters.

"Without our kind supporters, we could not run this valuable and much-needed service," she said.

"Helping Hands Club has a good working relationship and work closely with Streets2Homes and we get lots of support from Harlow Foodbank which donates a lot of our food.

"Couzens Bakery also supplies us with rolls, sandwiches and cakes and the great support from the Salvation Army, Harlow MP Robert Halfon and Tesco at Church Langley, as well as our volunteers who donate

their time as well as food, is very much appreciated."

Ms Cooledge added: "We are a group of people who want to help the less fortunate in our community and believe that everyone – regardless of age, sex, culture or religion – should be treated with dignity and respect.

"Our clients come from all walks of life, are of a mixed age group and come to us for a variety of reasons."

The drop-in centre is open on Monday and Thursday evenings throughout the year from 6-8pm.

College students go head-to-head in competition

STUDENTS studying travel and tourism at Harlow College went head-to-head with their counterparts from City College in Norwich in a skills showcase.

The day-long event saw students compete in three first aid scenarios involving asthma, stroke and cardiac arrest on an aeroplane.

The teenagers, who all received first aid training before the competition, had to put their newly learned skills to the test as they were judged by three members of staff from Stansted Airport.

The competition was hosted by Harlow College on behalf of The Education and Training Foundation, the Association of Colleges and computer company Acer.

Harlow College principal Karen Spencer said afterwards: "This has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop new skills which they will be able to take forward into the workplace."

Six-year-old has first graduation

A HARLOW youngster has taken part in her first graduation ceremony for the Children's University after completing 30 hours of learning.

Six-year-old Ashleigh Tomlin, who is home educated, joined The Children's University in August this year.

The Children's University aims to provide innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours to children aged five-14 in a bid to raise aspirations.

Ashleigh's mother, Jenny, 34, of Moorfields, said: "We found The Children's University by mistake but it looked great.

"They are attached to the University of Essex and you go to different places and take part in activities."

Artist Jim wins exhibition award

AN artist from Harlow has won an award at an exhibition organised by the University of Hertfordshire Galleries.

Jim Brown was named winner of the Rumball Sedgewick Award for his work entitled *Watcher*.

All the winners of the open submission exhibition, entitled *Eastern Approaches*, were announced at a ceremony held at the Museum of St Albans.

The exhibition was open to artists living, working or studying in the Eastern region (Essex, Herts, Beds, Cambs, Norfolk, Suffolk) as well as alumni of the University of Hertfordshire.

Lottery winner

THE winner of the £1,000 first prize in St Clare Hospice's weekly lottery drawn on Friday, December 5 was ticket number 142481. The winner lives in Harlow.

The rollover prize was not won and goes forward to tomorrow's (Friday) draw when the prize will be £2,000.

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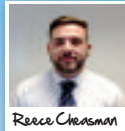
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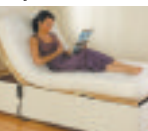
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Abbie boxes clever for gifts appeal



A KIND-hearted schoolgirl has been thinking of others by collecting Christmas gifts for those in need.

Six-year-old Abbie Smart, who attends Abbottswold Primary School, packed 20 shoeboxes full of presents for the Operation Christmas Child campaign.

Abbie selected gifts from her mother's toy stall as well as taking ones from her own bedroom.

Proud mum Jamie said: "She was desperate to do something to help others.

She filled the boxes and decorated them herself and she is also hoping to take gifts into the hospital."

Abbie's school has agreed to fund the £3 fee needed for each shoebox.

Jamie said: "I'm really proud of her. She even took toys from her own room to fill the boxes."

Operation Christmas Child is an international charity which delivers gifts to needy children around the world who would otherwise receive nothing.

Hero cop saves collapsed man

Quick-thinking PC performs CPR on cyclist

A POLICE officer has been hailed a hero after he saved the life of a cyclist who collapsed in Harlow town centre.

Quick-thinking PC Lee Sheppard used his first aid skills to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on the man until paramedics arrived.

The drama began on Saturday afternoon when the 42-year-old officer, who is a member of the Harlow Local Policing Team, was alerted by a member of the public that the cyclist had collapsed in Post Office Road.

"Luckily I was really close to where the man had collapsed and

autopilot just kicked in," said PC Shepherd, who lives in Harlow. "I performed CPR until the paramedics arrived. I just did what anyone else would have done."

All police officers have first aid refresher training each year and PC Sheppard completed his just over three months ago.

He added: "The training we have as police officers came in really handy and is why I knew what I needed to do."

The cyclist, who is believed to be in his 50s, was taken to the Lister Hospital in Stevenage.

PC Sheppard has been praised by senior officers for his actions.

Superintendent Trevor Roe, of the West Local Policing Area which covers Harlow, Epping Forest, Thurrock and Brentwood, said: "PC Sheppard's actions demonstrate that he is a credit to the police service. I'm sure that his quick thinking gave this man a greater chance of survival."

"I will be endorsing a recommendation that he receives official recognition for his efforts to help this man."

PC Sheppard has served in the Harlow district since 2007, starting as a police community support officer before becoming a police constable a year later.



Nursery hosts festive day for children

STAFF at the Kiddi Caru day nursery invited children and their parents to their Christmas grotto at the weekend.

The tots visited Santa in his temporary home in the nursery's outdoor sensory cabin and took part in craft activities.

There was also face painting and to add to the fun all the staff wore Christmas jumpers.

Nursery manager Anna Yeates said: "Christmas is such an enchanting and wonderful time of year for children and we like to think that our grotto is a lovely way

to start the festivities.

"They all know when we start planning the grotto and get very excited about the prospect of seeing Santa. They look forward to a fabulous day filled with fun and laughter and its fantastic that lots of families are able to join us on the day."

Investment drives up state of roads

THE condition of main roads in Essex has improved for the third year running, according to data collected by County Hall.

Specially adapted road assessment vehicles equipped with laser beam technology were used to measure the state of roads by skimming the surface to record defects.

The results showed that just 2.6 per cent of main routes were in need of treatment compared to 4.6 per cent last year and six per cent in 2012.

Every district in the county showed improvement. In Harlow, 1.1 per cent of priority roads required attention compared to three per cent three years ago.

In neighbouring Epping Forest the latest figure of 4.4 per cent compared with 11.6 per cent three years ago.

County councillor Rodney Bass, cabinet member for highways and transportation, said: "Clearly our priority measures and investment in highway improvements is working and really benefiting both commercial and domestic road users."

"Continuously maintaining and upgrading our county routes which are our priority roads has a tangible benefit for the business community, especially as many rely heavily on good transport links to and from the region's ports, airports and motorway connections."

Hospital chief praises 'invaluable' volunteers

A TEAM of volunteers who give up their time to help patients and visitors at Princess Alexandra Hospital have been thanked for their efforts.

Every year the hospital holds a Christmas lunch to show its appreciation to the 130 volunteers who assist visitors around the hospital and help out on the wards.

PAH chief executive Phil Morley told them: "What you do is highly respected and we really appreciate it. Your assistance is invaluable to our patients and staff. We couldn't provide the level of service that we do without you."

Lisa Flack, from Harlow, is a member of staff who volunteers at lunchtimes. She said: "I enjoy helping out whenever I can. I always come away with a smile on my face."

Teresa Quinlan, from Bishop's Stortford, has been volunteering in the maternity department where she has been nicknamed Mary Poppins because of her knack for calming crying babies.

"I really enjoy volunteering at the hospital, it's very rewarding," she said. "I particularly like helping new dads gain confidence with their newborns. Sometimes they can be so nervous, especially if they are young themselves."

Also present at the lunch were the volunteer chaplains who provide spiritual care and the mealtime buddies who serve lunch and dinner on the wards and assist patients who have difficulty feeding themselves.

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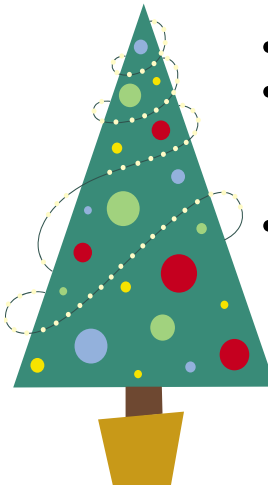
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ST Clare Hospice has launched its #sharethecare Christmas campaign giving people the chance to send a personal message to patients.

Every message sent in will be handwritten on a reindeer decoration and added to the festive displays at the Hastingwood hospice or taken out into the local community by members of its Hospice at Home team.

Director of patient care Beth Burton said: "Christmas can be an extremely difficult time, especially for families affected by a life-limiting illness and possibly facing their last Christmas together."

"A simple gesture that shows people are thinking of you makes such a difference."

"We are hoping to have hundreds, if not thousands, of messages to share with all our patients and their families, whether they are at home or here at the hospice."

Anyone who would like to be part of the #sharethecare campaign should send their message by email to fund@stclarehospice.org.uk or [facebook.com/stclarehospice](https://www.facebook.com/stclarehospice).



SHARING: St Clare staff nurse Tracy Davies and nursing assistant Brenda Hodds with some of the messages

Burglar uses pitchfork to break into house

AN opportunist thief who took a pitchfork from an unlocked shed and used it to break into a house in Harlow is being sought by police.

The burglary took place in Fennells some time between 11am and 3.20pm last Wednesday.

After using the pitchfork to force open a patio door at the rear of the premises, the burglar stole various items of jewellery, cash, a

pair of trainers and a commemorative American football shirt.

Police want to speak to a well-dressed man who was seen in the vicinity at around noon on the day of the burglary. He is described as white, slim, aged between 20-30 and had brown hair and was clean shaven.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Moira Kennedy at Harlow police station on the non-emergency 101 number.

Police watchdog to probe road death tragedy



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IPCC to investigate response to 999 calls

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AN investigation has been launched into the police response to events leading up to the death of a Harlow man who suffered fatal injuries after being struck by several vehicles while walking on a busy dual carriageway.

Kyle Brooks, 28, was killed while walking in the second lane of the northbound carriageway of the A12 between Boreham and Hatfield Peverel in the early hours of Thursday, October 30.

At the opening of an inquest into his death, the coroner's assistant said the former Kingsmoor Primary School and Stewards School student sustained multiple injuries after being hit by a number of vehicles.

An investigation is now under way after it was revealed police received three emergency 999 calls between 3am and 3.40am indicating three different locations for a pedestrian on the carriageway.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission said officers in a police vehicle searched a stretch of the A12 but were unable to locate him.

After receiving a further emergency call, officers discovered Mr Brooks' body lying in the road.

An IPCC investigator has held a meeting with members of Mr Brooks' family to explain its role and how the investigation will progress.

IPCC commissioner Mary Cunniff said: "I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Mr Brooks at this difficult time."

"We will be examining communication between police call handlers and the officers who conducted the search, and whether Essex Police's response was adequate on the basis of information available."

In a tribute released in the days after his death, Mr Brooks' family said: "Losing Kyle so cruelly is something we as a family will not ever come to terms with."

"Although his life has been cut

tragically short he touched the lives of many people.

"This has been evident in the outpouring of love we have received and is testimony to what a wonderful, loving, kind-hearted young man Kyle was."

Colleagues at Bush Fair-based specialist ink manufacturers Luminescence, where Mr Brooks worked as a technician, described him as a "shining light".

Technical sales director John Cooper said: "He was an all-round nice guy to be around and we shall miss him incredibly."

"There was not a person here who had a bad word to say about him."



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Sir Fred's desert island adventure

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The list of 'castaways' who are invited to choose their eight favourite pieces of music, a book and a luxury item which they would take with them to the mythical desert island, now runs into the thousands.

Among them is Harlow master-planner Sir Frederick Gibberd, pictured right, who appeared in an episode of the show back in February 1983 when the host was Roy Plomley.

The interview, in which he talks about his career and his enthusiasm for landscape gardening, gives an insight into the man whose designed the post-war new town of Harlow, an architect who was able to assess his work with absolute honesty and was, as comfortable praising it as he was ripping it apart.

Asked about the underground chapel he designed as part of London Airport, he replied: "I don't like a lot of my architecture but I think that's probably one of the best jobs I did."

And when questioned as to why he turned down the chance to design the 1951 Festival of Britain, he said, "Because I have limitations and what I do I like to do really well."

On the subject of designing Harlow New Town, he revealed that when he



was asked to be the architect he agreed on the condition he would be responsible for the design of the town which gave him "a great deal of power."

"Design is my passion," he told Plomley. "If I was going to be involved in this then I was really going to carry the can."

Conscious of the effect of the environment on people, he said of Harlow: "You're really designing an organism which is changing all the time. It is still going to go on, developing over the years. It is going to grow or it is going to die."

Sir Frederick's choice of music included works by Mozart, Verdi and Fauré, his favourite book was a scrapbook of poetry and his luxury item was a bottle of sleeping tablets "because one thing that would frighten me more than anything would be to have a slow death".

Sir Frederick lived in Harlow until his death on January 9, 1984 at the age of 76 - nearly a year after the show was broadcast. His wife, Lady Patricia, died in September 2006.

The episode can be heard from the *Desert Island Discs* archive available on the BBC's iPlayer service.



Landmark confirms coaching past

THE Green Man is an important landmark in Old Harlow, and shows that Mulberry Green was once a coaching station.

In fact, the current settlement pattern and collection of public houses in Harlow are also proof of the area's role as a major stop-off point for horse-drawn coaches en route to London from Cambridge, Newmarket, Norwich and elsewhere.

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Police officer who sat on faredodger cleared of assault

Jury agrees that force used by cop was appropriate

Court Reporter

star@hertsessexnews.co.uk

A POLICE officer who restrained a faredodger on board a train by sitting on him has been cleared of assault.

PC Mark Schleich, a member of the Metropolitan Police's royal protection unit, was travelling to work at Buckingham Palace when ticket inspectors asked him if he would help them deal with an abusive passenger who had not purchased a ticket.

During the trial at Luton Crown Court the jury was told the 51-year-old officer, who lives at Church Langley in Harlow, was recorded on CCTV pushing Charlie Simkins against a train window and then sitting on him.

PC Schleich claimed in a statement he had taken the action after Simkins had assaulted him. But Simkins, who subsequently admitted fare dodging and giving the inspectors a false name, denied he had assaulted the officer.

During the trial, prosecutor Patricia May said that when the Crown Prosecution

Service examined the CCTV footage from the train it was decided not to proceed with a charge of assault against Simkins.

Instead, PC Schleich was interviewed and later charged with common assault and perverting the course of justice. He pleaded not guilty to both.

The jury was told the incident happened after PC Schleich boarded the train at Harlow Mill station on the afternoon of Sunday, June 9 last year. He was on his way to work and was dressed in plain clothes.

Giving evidence, PC Schleich said he had shown his warrant card, which entitled him to free travel, to a ticket inspector on board the train. Shortly afterwards he was approached by the inspector who asked for his assistance in dealing with a passenger who did not have a ticket and who had become abusive, aggressive and threatening when challenged.

"As I walked through I could hear a man shouting and swearing," said PC Schleich. "He was swearing at the ticket guy. I asked him to stop swearing at the ticket guy but he continued. I asked him again and said that people on the train wouldn't want to

hear him swearing."

He said when Simkins suddenly got up to leave the train at Cheshunt he took action to stop him.

"He had committed a criminal offence," said the officer. "He got up and attempted to escape. He was telling me to get out of the way. I was asked to act and I did. Once he had made the decision to get up there was no time to react. I am happy with the way I dealt with it."

PC Schleich added: "I felt the level of force I had to use was appropriate. I didn't have to take it to a level where I had to strike him."

Asked by his barrister Kevin Baumber if he had subsequently given a "perfect statement" about the events, he replied "No, it wasn't perfect. I am a human being, not a computer recording machine. Certain things I remembered, certain things I didn't."

On Thursday the jury took less than an hour to find PC Schleich not guilty of both charges. Recorder Ian Gatt told him he was leaving the court with his "good character and reputation" intact.



Charity store marks its sixth birthday

STAFF at the British Heart Foundation's Furniture and Electrical store in Harlow celebrated its sixth anniversary with a visit from Princess Alexandra Hospital cardiology consultant Jeremy Sayer.

The Terminus Street store's dedicated volunteers were presented with certificates in recognition of their contribution.

Last year the goods donated to BHF shops raised more than £31m to help in

the fight against heart disease. In Essex alone £1.8m was raised.

In the run-up to Christmas, the store is appealing to the community for donations of goods that it can sell to raise funds.

The store can arrange to collect items from all Harlow postcodes and some in the surrounding area.

For more information or to book a collection, residents should call (01279) 905675 or visit www.bhf.org.uk.

Court orders the closure of property used as drugs den

TWO properties used for criminal activity in Harlow have been shut down after a court agreed a police application for closure orders.

Magistrates in Chelmsford granted Essex Police outright possession of the properties in Morley Grove and Amhurst Lodge.

The occupants of both properties have also been evicted.

The orders were approved after officers provided evidence of disorderly behaviour and criminal behaviour at both addresses which had resulted in "serious nuisance" to members of the public.

The court was told that on November 30 officers carried out a raid on the Morley Grove property during which substances believed to be Class A drugs were seized. Five people were arrested and released on police bail pending further enquiries.

A police spokesman said: "Essex Police and our partnership agencies, including Harlow Council's community safety team and environmental health, are committed to reducing anti-social behaviour which has a debilitating effect on neighbours and the local neighbourhood."

"Local residents should be reassured that police will continue to work to ensure people enjoy a good quality of life and not have to suffer the problems associated with drug usage and persistent anti-social behaviour."



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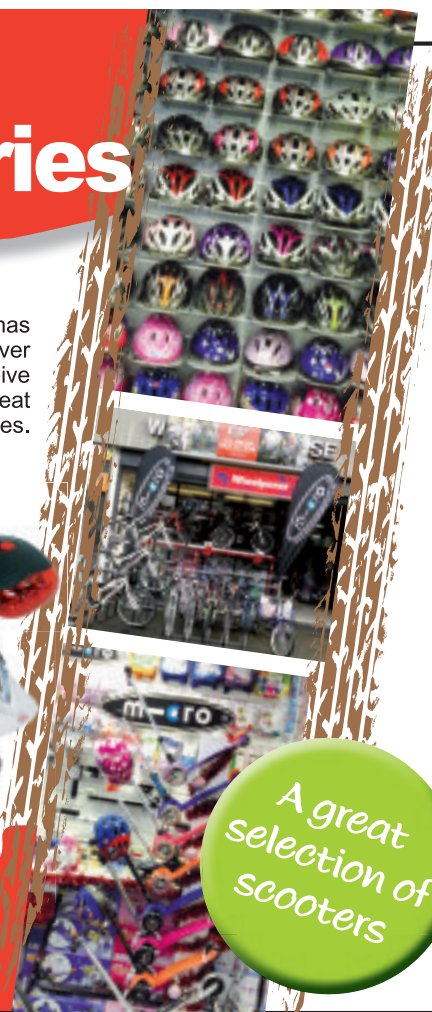
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Bereavements

BARBRA ALLAN

Passed away on 28th November, aged 50 years. Missed greatly by Derby, Joyce, Nick, Jane, Pete, Victoria and many others.
 Miss you so much.

Barbra's funeral service will take place on Thursday 18th December at 3.15pm at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Donations, if desired, to 'Mutts in Distress'. All enquiries and flowers and donations to Masterson Funeral Home, Independent and Family Owned Funeral Directors, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

LEONARD BOWEN (Alex)

Peacefully at home, on 1st December 2014, aged 86 years. The beloved husband of Iris, a dear dad to Sue and Lyn and a wonderful and loving grandad and great-grandad. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Alex's funeral service is to be held on Friday 12th December 2014 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Macmillan Nurses. Cheques made payable to MFH Charities Account.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank our Macmillan Nurse Gill Hutchinson, the district nurses and Hospice at Home, for their kindness and support.

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Bereavements

EDITH CLEMINSON

Sadly passed away on Sunday 30th November 2014, aged 100 years and 11 months.

Edith will be greatly missed by all her loving family and many friends.

Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Chapel on Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only please but cheques, if desired made payable to 'British Heart Foundation' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990

Shirley Patricia COCKRILL

Passed away on 21st November 2014, aged 77 years. Much loved Mum and Nan.

Funeral Service on 17th December 2014 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.45pm.

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PAT COURTNEY

Sadly passed away on 3rd December 2014, aged 91 years.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

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ROUSE DOROTHY

Died 25th November 2014 aged 88.

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BASIL FIELD

Peacefully in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, on 2nd December 2014, aged 88 years.

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Basil's Funeral Service is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Birchanger on Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 12.30pm, followed by burial in the churchyard, where Basil will be laid to rest with his beloved wife Catherine.

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Bereavements

SYLVIA FREEMAN

Passed away peacefully on 30th November. Much loved Wife of Dennis, Mother of Jackie Bob Alan and Nan to Alice and Abbie. Funeral to take place at 1pm Monday 22nd December at Parndon Wood Crematorium. All enquiries to Co-Operative Funeralcare 01279 441 444.

CROUCHER IAN

Much loved son of John and Jean, brother of Tony and Joanne, suddenly passed away 29.11.2014, aged 47.

Enquiries of funeral arrangements to Masterson Funeral Home, Old Harlow, 626238.

Family flowers only please. Donations to Help For Heroes. Friends welcome at the Church.

KEITH ANTHONY HENRY

Sadly passed away, unexpectedly but peacefully, on 2nd December, at the Jacobs Neuro Centre in Sawbridgeworth, aged 53 years.

He will be deeply missed by his fiancée, family and friends.

The funeral service will take place on Friday 19th December at 12.15pm at Parndon Wood Chapel, followed by burial.

We would like to thank initially, the nursing staff on Locke Ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital and most recently, the nurses and carers at the Jacobs Centre for the dedication and care they showed Keith during the last five months.

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired may be made payable to either Friends of Neuro Sawbridgeworth or Sickle Cell Society and sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990.

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Details of the Memorial Service will follow shortly.

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Passed away 2nd December 2014.

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ROUSE Dorothy Mildred — Passed away peacefully on 25th November 2014. An amazing mum and lady treasured by all. Rest in peace mum. Lance, Kim, Clark and Antonia xxxxx

Philip WHYLIE

29/5/36 - 6/12/14
 Philip passed away after a short illness on 6/12/14. Dearly beloved husband to Mary, father to Mark and Pam, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all fortunate to have known him.

For details of funeral please contact Daniel Robinson.

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Ernest James WORKMAN Ernle

Suddenly on 3rd December 2014 aged 78 years. Much loved husband of Audrey and dad to Karon, Michele and Paul and grandad to Charlotte and Matthew.

Funeral Service to take place at St Josephs Church Bishops Stortford on Tuesday 23rd December 2014 at 10am

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Always Moyna

In Memoriam

**LESLIE RONALD
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DEVENNEY Mervyn — Happy Christmas dad, wish you were here. Your loving Son Ashley X x x

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All houses will be allocated to local families on the Housing Needs Register.

As part of the council's commitment to improving the town centre, Harlow's 58-year-old market has been expanded into Broad Walk and this year there is a seven-day-a-week Christmas market.

Every Thursday leading up to Christmas is late night shopping with free parking from 3-8pm in the Harvey Centre, The Water Gardens



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All this is helping improve choice for shoppers and to boost local business.

The council wants residents to feel safe in the town, particularly late at night, whether coming in from a night out or setting off for work.

This is why Harlow Council's three political group leaders have called for Essex County Council to review its part-night street lighting policy.

Working together, we believe that we can find alternative ways to just turning off street lights after midnight.

Looking ahead to the new year, the council's budget proposals will be announced in January, along with the plans for the year ahead. Thank you to all those who took part in the budget consultation over the summer.

The council will do all that it can to protect services and jobs despite the continued reductions to its funding from Government. Whilst next year will be another tough one, the council will work with you to make Harlow an even better place.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Star readers a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Race a Tour de force for Essex

County reaps the rewards from cycle event

Sinead Holland

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THE spectacle of the Tour de France cycle race resulted in a multi-million-pound boost to the economy of Essex, according to a newly published report.

The world's largest annual sporting event passed through the county during the third stage of the race from Cambridge to London in July.

More than 700,000 spectators lined the route in Essex and Cambridge, flocking to key viewing points including North Weald and Epping.

A report examining the economic and social impact of hosting Le Tour shows that it generated a £130m economic boost to the UK, with Essex and Cambs sharing £10.5m.

Figures have not been released yet for Essex alone, although benefits for the county include extra business for the tourism and hospitality industries and increased membership of the county's cycling clubs.

Images of the county were beamed across the globe, reaching 3.5 billion people via television. Crowds flocked to big screens provided along the route.

The overall economic benefit figure is expected to rise in the years to come as a result of



PEDAL POWER: Thousands lined the streets to see the Tour de France pass through Epping in July

increased tourism.

Cllr Ray Gooding, Essex County Council's cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, with responsibility for sport, said: "The Tour de France was a definite highlight of the past year in Essex and I'm pleased that it has given our economy such a big boost.

"The boost will continue in years to come as we were able to showcase our beautiful county and show the world how much it has to offer. Tourism makes a

multi-million-pound contribution to the economy in Essex, supporting hotels, pubs, restaurants and attractions.

"The Tour de France has also led to an increase in cycling across Essex by people inspired by the likes of Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish."

Gary Sullivan, chairman of Active Essex, said: "We've known for some time now that sport has a significant impact on the economy and Essex sees sport as a major driver for economic growth."

Film showcases engineering innovation

HARLOW'S contribution to changing people lives through engineering is featured in a new video.

Harlow Enterprise Zone, Harlow College and Raytheon UK all feature in *Working to Engineer a Better World* which has been produced by ITN Productions and presented by newsreader Natasha Kaplinsky.

It was first shown to an audience from around the UK at an event organised by the Institution of Engineering and Technology, the professional society for the engineering and technology community, with more than 150,000 members in 127 countries.

Harlow Council leader Jon Clempner said: "Harlow is no stranger to innovation. It was the birthplace of fibre optic communication, which has changed the way people communicate across the world and therefore it is right that the town should feature in a film celebrating this industry.

"With the opportunities now on offer at Harlow College and the University Technical College along

with the Enterprise Zone our aim is once again be at the forefront of engineering and technology which changes people's lives."

The three-and-a-half minute piece about Harlow includes interviews and sound bites from Harlow College students and principal Karen Spencer, award-winning engineering apprentice Paige Tension, Bill Jamieson from Raytheon UK and Cllr Clempner.

Ms Spencer said "Harlow is ideally placed between London and Cambridge and with the Enterprise Zone and Stansted Airport on our doorstep there are so many exciting opportunities for our students as they enter the job market."

Nick West, director of communications at Raytheon UK said "Raytheon has been a true export success and we look forward to building upon the contribution we make to the local economy."

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RANGERS CLUB

Museum's fabulous fossil

THE skeleton of a dinosaur which walked the planet more than 150 million years ago has gone on show at the Natural History Museum in London.

Sophie the Stegosaurus is said to be the world's most complete example of a recognisable dinosaur, with 85 per cent of her bones intact including the distinctive plates running down her back and four spear-like horns on the end of her tail.

She measures 5.6 metres (18ft) in length and is 2.9 metres (9.5ft) tall.

Very few Stegosaurus fossils have ever been found making them much rarer than other well-known dinosaurs such as the Tyrannosaurus rex.

In fact they are so rare that Sophie is the only Stegosaurus in a public collection outside the United States of America. She is also the first complete dinosaur



specimen permanently on display at the Natural History Museum for almost 100 years.

Sophie's fossilised bones were discovered 11 years ago in the USA.

Professor Paul Barrett, the Natural History Museum's chief dinosaur scientist, told reporters: "It's an honour to have this extraordinary

specimen permanently on display to inspire our visitors.

"Stegosaurus fossil finds are rare. Having the world's most complete example here for research means we can begin to uncover the secrets behind the evolution and behaviour of this intriguing dinosaur species."

FACT FILE

- Stegosaurus means 'plated lizard'.
- Despite their huge size they had a very small head with a tiny brain about the size of a walnut
- Stegosaurus had 17 bony plates embedded in its back which ran in two rows. It also had spikes at the end of its tail which it used for protection
- It walked on four legs but its back legs were twice as long as its front legs.
- It lived between 140-156 million years ago
- Stegosaurus was a herbivore which meant it only ate of plants.

RANGERS fact file



■ **Name** Max (member 20123)
■ **Address:** Potter Street, Harlow
■ **Birthday:** December 19, 2010
■ **School:** Schoolgate Pre-School
■ **Likes:** Dressing up as Spiderman and playing Power Rangers

■ **Favourite food:** Aeroplane chicken nuggets
■ **Least favourite:** Beef stew
■ **Favourite book:** We're All Going On A Bear Hunt
■ **Favourite TV show:** Power Rangers
■ **Family:** Brother, Harry (6) and sister, Amelia (2)
■ **Pets:** A dog called Belle
■ **Wants to be:** Power Ranger

Happy Birthday

THURSDAY

Callista (member 1185), of Arkwrights, Harlow, is 10; **Ellie** (member 1214), of Spring Hills Tower, Harlow, is 5.

FRIDAY

Florence (member 1182), of Rundells, Harlow, is 4.

SATURDAY

Charlotte (member 1247) of Markwell Wood, Harlow, is 7.

SUNDAY

Holly (member 1154), of Upper Meelines, Harlow, is 10.

MONDAY

Kate (member 995), of Rushton Grove, Harlow, is 10.

TUESDAY

Charley (member 1212), of Wychford Drive, Harlow, is 8

WEDNESDAY

Shannon (member 708), of Church Leys, Harlow, is 11.

THURSDAY

Brooke (member 1160), of Berecroft, Harlow, is 6.

Charity's work with struggling families great value for money



THEY spend their time helping others, but now the caring people at Home-Start are in need of some assistance of their own.

The charity, which provides a befriending service for families in need, is now sweating on whether its county council funding will be renewed.

The money is crucial to enable volunteers to visit families on a one-to-one basis. And that is the reason why the **Star**, as part of our support of Home-Start's Snowflake Appeal, is calling on Harlow residents to back the charity.

Kay Pitt, a senior Home-Start co-ordinator, believes that without the money the charity faces a highly uncertain future. "It's not an organisation that can be run on volunteers alone," she said. "We need paid-for staff to carry out certain aspects of our work."

"The beauty of it is we are led by what the family thinks they need and are able to adjust accordingly."

"Our volunteers can go in every week, some do two or three times a week. Sometimes it's evenings, sometimes it's weekends. Our core funding allows us to train those volunteers."

Kay claims that if the charity does lose its capital then the impact will be huge for the families it helps.

"I think it would be a tragedy if Home-Start is not able to continue," she said.

"Without our core funding we could not commit this support to the community. I don't think there's another charity that does what we do and we're incredibly cost-effective."

"I think the wonderful thing about Home-Start is that it cuts across all boundaries. We've had all sorts of people come to us, ranging across all classes."

"Everybody goes through difficult periods and everybody needs help."

Someone who knows first-hand how important Home-Start's work can be is trustee Gill Woolgar, who has spent seven years supporting families with a variety of problems. These have ranged from helping a deaf couple with their well-hearing child to providing support for a mother who was living in a refuge following an abusive relationship.

"You aren't changing lives," said Gill, "but the impact is greater than you think. Some of the problems you come up against are so enormous you can't do anything."

"You can't clear debts and if a child is disabled then they will be disabled forever, but you can point them out to other organisations or give them good advice."

How you can donate

■ **Cheques** made payable to Home-Start and send to Home-Start, The Annexe, Scott House, Hagsdell Road, Hertford, SG13 8WA

■ **Online banking** to Home-Start: account number 1663495, sort code 30-94-17 with the reference Snowflake

■ **Text** through Vodafone Just Text Giving. Text SNOW26 and the amount you wish to donate, eg: SNOW26 £5, to 70070

■ **Online** at my.give.net/snowflakeappeal

THE **Star**, along with our sister newspapers in Essex and Hertfordshire, wants to raise £25,000 before Christmas for Home-Start's Snowflake Appeal. And to do it we will need your help.

With county council contracts up for renewal in March, Home-Start could soon find itself without its main source of funding.

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LAUREN 24yr old petite blue eyed barmaid, slim brunette, pretty, sporty, likes cosy nights in, WLTm caring well built easygoing male for meets, 30-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412111

SALLY, 38yrs large cuddly lady seeks slim men for discreet meetings. Text Only 4550193

BECKY 38, slim, 10, big blue eyes, considered stunning, honest, fun and caring, looking for similar kind of person to enjoy fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412593

TRUDY 36yrs, wltm broadminded men of any age/area for daytime meetings. Text Only 4550194

CHEVELY 21yr old single mum of one, slim, attractive, long hair, seeking true honest male up to 40yrs to put some fun back into life. Single dad welcome. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412385

MELANIE, 38, slim, blonde and bored. Call if you want no strings fun. Text Only 4550198

ANN 40's female looking for male for broadminded adult fun, no strings. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412369

JENNI, 52 bored housewife wants no strings fun with younger chap. Text Only 4550197

JANE bored 43yr old student with plenty of spare time, likes drinks out, walking my dog, swimming, looking for similar lonely companion, 38-50. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412357

63YR old slim blonde, seeks gent 55-70 for happiness, holidays and meals out. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410017

CHRISTINE seeking fun loving male, 56-63, young minded for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 413087

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. Tel No: 0905 002 1883 Box No: 413399

LOREN pretty petite 24yr old female, likes swimming, walking, cosy night in watching a movie, seeking caring well built loving male with nice personality 30-45. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 413015

LUCY, 32yrs, blonde lady seeks naughty boys of any age for no strings fun. Tel No: 0905 002 1887 Box No: 413443

JULIE 46yr single female, long dark blonde hair, big blue eyes, loves home cooking followed by cuddles on the sofa with a nice wine, seeking genuine male, no time wasters. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412907

ADVENTUROUS sexy lady, 38yrs, married but seeks no strings fun with discreet man, any age, 1m tall, slim and dominant. Tel No: 0905 002 1937 Box No: 415301

BECKY 38yrs stunning size 10, big blue eyes, feminine, long hair, honest, fun, seeks honest reliable male to go out with, have a nice time and some much needed fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412597

LUCY, broadminded 18yrs seeks discreet fun with men any age. Call. Tel No: 0905 002 1941 Box No: 365051

LESLEY intelligent attractive slim female, enthusiastic, loves life, interests, looking good and keeping fit, seeks similar passionate Mr Wonderful. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412323

SEXY brunette, mid 20's busty, adventurous broad minded seeks no strings fun. Tel No: 0905 002 1949 Box No: 361739

CLARE 36yrs successful single mum, independent, employed with OHAC, size 10, green eyes, pretty, likes swimming, family life, seeking male with similar values and interests. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412053

SHARON 32yrs and still soul searching for Mr Right, I enjoy keeping in shape, caring for people, seeking loving respectful guy who also knows a good time. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412049

FREYA 33 6ft blonde, loves dancing and have a good time, employed, own home, one son, seeking similar laidback guy/dad for dates, chats and more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412045

ESSEX slim blonde lady, 60's, young outlook, seeks gent, 60-69, likes holidays, meals out, weekends away with happy disposition for fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412479

JANE 29yr old horsey female, loves the outdoors, cycling, as well as duvet days, WLTm not too serious male for a hopefully normal relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412315

JOANNE 36yr old single self-conscious mum, likes pubs, clubs, nights in/out, coast, seeks faithful kind guy 30-45 to share the rest of my life with so no time wasters pls. 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410569

DAWN 38 dark hair/eyed medium built busty female who loves nights in/out, WLTm fun honest male/single dad with GSOH to help mend my broken heart. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410483

MARIE 37yrs slim attractive caring, likes meals in/out, cinema, tennis, keeping fit/active, WLTm fun loving, reliable man for friendship leading to more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411037

DEBS very hurt but healing female only looking for honest, caring genuine guy who will love me for me. I have varied interests and love music and Lanzarote. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409275

SUE 38 enjoys cinema, clubs, meals in/out, very broadminded, attentive, tactile, passionate, looking for lots of fun with Mr Wrong! discretion assured. 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411205

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MELANIE tall curvy attractive bubbly female who loves meals out, cosy nights in with a nice wine, walking, seeks professional male with outgoing GSOH. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411509

SONYA tall leggy vibrant very attractive black lady who loves gym, music, dining out, seeks mature responsible, respectable professional to be my soul mate. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411697

CARRIE 29yr old fun loving attractive single mum with OHAC, likes nights in or out, music, WLTm similar fun romantic handsome man for friendship possibly more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411215

MARILYN really nice curvy tactile female, loves romantic walks, cosy nights in, quality times, looking for nice male to spend time and fall in love with. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411871

SARAH 25 petite slim attractive blonde student, enjoys keeping fit, looking good, socialising, going out, being a mum WLTm similar fun genuine guy. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411537

60'S slim blonde, size 10, Essex area, seeks gent for holidays, weekends away, meals in/out, fun times, perhaps more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411813

33YR old sick of being single working mum, OHAC, likes the simple things in life, looking for romantic, honest guy with GSOH for cosy nights in and fun nights out. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411887

SUSAN 29 green eyes, dark hair, slim, looking for Mr tall dark and handsome to take me out, enjoy adult times without complications just fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410957

JANE pretty size 12, loves going out socialising, countryside, meals out, looking for no strings fun, nothing heavy, give me a call if you are seeking similar. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410579

SUE optimistic divorced lady with OHAC, good guy, enjoys meals out, cinema, countryside, pub lunches, looking for likeminded outgoing happy male. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410487

CATHY very much a lady seeks gent up to 62yrs who would appreciate an independent professional sassy female who loves to be wine, dined and romanced. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410301

FEMALE slim, blonde, blue eyes, seeking attractive male, 60-65, slim-midweight, N/S with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410545

SOPHIE 27yr old nursing assistant with no ties looking for discreet adult fun times with tall attractive guy 35-42yrs. GSOH essential. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410717

LYN 34yrs, pretty petite dark haired female, loves music, meals out, quiet drinks out, seeking caring male with GSOH who can make me feel special again. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410137

JOSEPHINE pretty Chelmsford lady seeks benevolent gent for ongoing discreet daytime dalliances, 65 plus. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410991

CHINESE female, nurse, N/S, GSOH, likes music, dancing, meals out, holidays, reading, seeking nice genuine guy, 45-60 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410935

SANDY 60's, nice personality, GSOH, likes most things, seeks male, 62-70 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410917

ANNE happy go lucky lady who loves wining/dining, affectionate, honest, sincere and down to earth, looking for similar qualities in companion, if that's you pls call. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410291

SHARON young single mum slim, blue eyes, attractive, likes nights in/out, WLTm kind male/dad to enjoy dates, chats, hopefully leading to more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410279

LUCY Asian origin, 39yr single mum, loyal, loving, fit, romantic, honest, genuine, looking for older gent to romance, look after and fall in love with. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409713

JULIE kind, considerate, loving, likes home life, country pubs, seeking genuine guy, tall and honest for loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410491

59YR old female, looking for gent, 60-65 interested in night out, theatre, dancing and nights in. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410067

CATHY happy independent female looking for her soul mate, someone to spend quality time with who also likes their own space. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409909

VANESSA 32yrs single mum, honest, loving, kind hearted, been hurt in the past enjoys music, reading etc, WLTm my very special Mr Right. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409899

MARIE slim attractive fun brunette, looking for good times with exciting broadminded male. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409707

CLAIRE young 39 slim size 10, pretty, outgoing, seeks similar spontaneous male for nights in/out and fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409417

DIANE late 40's, likes walks, wining/dining, movies, bowling, concerts, looking for soul mate in Essex area, late 40-50's. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 405441

LAURA happy size 12-14, attractive, loves shopping, gym, music, clubbing, eating in/out, looking for sincere honest male looking for more than just good fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410713

KATIE 21yr old very attractive female who is up for most things, looking for daytime fun, no strings and discreet pls. Age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410573

TERRI 44 green eyed long legged busty blonde, loves to dress up and look feminine, seeking loving, fun, honest professional to fall head over her heels with. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410315

YOUNG 60 blonde, seeking male, 55-70 who I can have fun, laugh with, holidays and days out, who knows. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410181

KAREN very nice looking mature busty size 14 blonde who loves life, spending time in my home abroad and having fun, seeking similar mature gent for quality times. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410477

Men seeking women

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MIKE 59, outgoing, likes walks, seeks female of similar age and GSOH for company. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412879

JOHN, 42yrs professional genuine gent seeks caring lady to treat as a princess. Text Only 4550195

GENUINE male, young 56, OHAC, kind, caring, loyal, considerate, country loving, seeks attractive female with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 413091

JAMES, hard working single dad, late 30's seeks single mum for family days out. Text Only 4550196

65YR old widower, N/S, likes animals, sports, walks, country pubs, seeks lady of any age, chat, friendship, whatever. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411555

GENUINE reliable, traditional, sociable, N/S male, 69, WLTm positive, warm hearted, slim, loyal female for friendship, leading to relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411543

BUILDER 44, tall, attractive, GSOH, considerate, easy going, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411497

PETER looking for adventurous lady for no strings fun. 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411399

70YR old male, 5ft 9ins, down to earth, easy going, wanting for nothing, car owner, likes music, animals, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411199

MALE mid 60's, seeking female, 50-65 to enjoy days out, country walks, holidays, nights in/out, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411027

BUILDER 44, tall, attractive, GSOH, considerate, easy going, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410919

MALE mid 60's, seeking female, 50-65 to enjoy days out, country walks, holidays, nights in/out, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410903

SEEKING the beautiful blonde in the BMW6 series, I flashed you, you used your indicators and we met in Sainsbury's, we need to talk. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410883

BUILDER 44, tall, good-looking, GSOH, kind, considerate, easy going, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410689

BLACK male, 38, kind, caring, easy going, seeks female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410607

OLDER woman 65 plus wanted by younger, tall male with OHAC and GSOH, hardworking, self sufficient for romance and theatre. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 405055

ROMANTIC Australian entrepreneur 49 seeks quality lady for romance and theatre. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409191

5FT 11ins male, mid 70's, N/S, OHAC/teeth, likes swimming, diving, geology, gardening, may buy house in Barbados. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412747

JON 22, looking for no strings fun with any female up to 35. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412607

ESSEX chap 61, 5ft 9ins, N/S, good company, retired, likes animals, seeks slim, similar female for nice times. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412511

SFT 11ins male, 70's, OHAC/teeth, likes swimming, diving, geology, growing, buying house in Barbados. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412501

SEAN looking for fun loving lady for discreet fun. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412099

SLIM fit active 69yr old N/S male, likes music, walks, cinema, quizzes, seeks slender, warm hearted 60's lady for company and more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 412061

ALLEGEDLY handsome blond blue eyed male, 47, genuine, caring, fun loving, GSOH, OHAC, seeks genuine, fun loving black/Oriental/Asian female. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409843

MALE mid 60's, widower, seeking female, 55-60's, to enjoy days out, country walks, nights in/out, maybe more, Harlow area. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411805

ATTRACTIVE 50yr old male, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 9ins, stocky, seeks slim-midweight blonde female, 35-55 for possible romance. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411583

SFT 11ins male, average build, likes most things, outdoors, cinema, meals out, holidays, seeks positive female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 411665

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SEAN 40, down to earth, fun, seeking similar female for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410253

BALDOCK man, ceroc dancer, fit 74, many interests, solvent, seeks active lady, companionship, holidays, maybe more, 60 plus. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410089

TONY 61tins, slim, 50, down to earth, decent, easy going, genuine, likes meals out, cinema, countryside, animals, seeking similar female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410157

SEMI retired solvent gent, 66, active, hoping to find romantic, daytime discreet fun with mature, tactile, feminine lady. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410145

BUILDER 44, tall, good-looking, GSOH, kind, considerate, easy going, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410073

BLACK male, 31tins, shaved head, seeking white female, brunette/dark hair. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409789

INTERNATIONAL businessman likes travel, opera, dancing, theatre, mutual spilling, seeks sexy, passionate lady, OHAC, N/S to enjoy discreet relaxed relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409608

BUILDER 44, tall, good-looking, GSOH, kind, considerate, easy going, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 409474

TALL male, 47, kind, caring, honest, loving, seeks female, 30-44 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410515

IRISHMAN kind, loving, 58, seeks loving female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410409

JERRY black African, 5ft 8ins, attractive, medium build, seeking big female, size 12-20, max 5ft 7ins, 28-41. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410357

BLACK male, 46, kind, caring, easy going, seeks white female, 42-50 for lasting relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 410269

Men seeking men

A full-page photograph of a male musician with dark hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. He is playing an acoustic guitar and singing into a microphone. The background is a soft-focus stage with green and blue lighting. In the top left corner, the word "go!" is written in a large, stylized, purple font with a black outline and a diagonal hatching pattern.

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Being FRANK

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WHERE: The Gibberd Gallery **WHEN:** Fri, Dec 12, 9am-4.45pm **HOW MUCH:** Free admission **DETAILS:** www.gibberdgallery.co.uk/

The exhibition which has been run for nine years, gives artists who have a connection with Harlow to submit work for exhibition. This year has seen a record number of entrants with 165 pieces entered with 116 pieces being exhibited. The pieces exhibited range in medium from glass, plaster and ceramics to oil on canvas, iPad paintings and watercolours. Subjects include portraits, landscape and abstract compositions. The exhibition runs until Friday, December 19.

PRESENT ARTS

WHERE: The Gallery, Parndon Mill, Harlow **WHEN:** Fri, Dec 12, 10am-5pm **HOW MUCH:** Free **DETAILS:** www.parndonmill.co.uk

The Gallery, Harlow, presents a series of exhibitions of fine art and crafts by skilled and distinguished artists. During the Christmas period, the exhibition PRESENT ARTS is an opportunity to introduce new talent. This year there are several ceramic artists whose work is new to The Gallery. Debra Baker presents interesting shapes in slip cast porcelain. Patrick Joyce shows smoke fired forms. Beautifully crafted stoneware and porcelain vessels are by Alex Shirmwell and Pat Short shows very interesting pieces based on organic forms. The exhibition runs until Tuesday, December 23.

POPPY DISPLAY

WHERE: Gatehouse Arts, Harlow **WHEN:** Fri, Dec, 12 **DETAILS:** www.gatehousearts.com

Artworks Celebrating Remembrance is the current exhibition at Gatehouse Arts. The exhibition features work by Gatehouse Artists Joanne Dennis, Patricia Maginness, Noriko Matsubara and Amanda Westbury. All work is for sale, please contact the artists or Gatehouse Arts to purchase. The exhibition runs in the Eastgate gallery until Friday, December 12.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WHERE: St John's ARC, Harlow **WHEN:** Fri, Dec 12, 7.30pm **HOW MUCH:** £9 advance, £10 on the door **DETAILS:** renee.joyce@ntlworld.com

New Edition Singers will perform their Christmas Concert at St John's Arc, the singers will be accompanied by Lis Scott and directed by Susan Hickman. Tickets include a mince pie and mulled wine. New Edition Singers perform two concerts each year and a Christmas concert. They were formed from Harlow Opera Company.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

WHERE: Drill Hall, Ware **WHEN:** Sun, Dec 14, 3pm **HOW MUCH:** £12 adults, £6 children / students, £30 family ticket **DETAILS:** www.hertfordsymphonyorchestra.org.uk

An afternoon of festive fun including Oscar Wilde's *The Selfish Giant* with music by Debbie Wiseman narrated by Andy Cording. Seasonal family favourites, Christmas carols. Conductor: Andrew Morley, Leader: Margaret Holter. Featuring choirs from Priors Wood and Roselands Schools.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

WHERE: Victoria Hall, Old Harlow **WHEN:** Thu, Dec 18, 3.30pm & 7.30pm **HOW MUCH:** £8-£11 **DETAILS:** www.victoriahalltheatre.co.uk

This year's pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty* is on until Saturday December 27. A magical adventure for all the family continuing Victoria Hall's tradition of producing quality theatre for young and old over Christmas. Written and directed by Paul Johnson and produced by the same production team who staged *The Nutcracker* last year, *Robin Hood*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* in years past.

Dancer Sunandra is panto's real cool cat

A DANCER who was involved in choreographing the NHS section of the London 2012 Olympics opening ceremony is starring in the panto at Rhodes in Bishop's Stortford – as a cat!

Sunandra Biswas, who plays the part of Tom in *Dick Whittington and His Magical Cat*, is an international performer who specialises in hip-hop along with tap and the Lindy Hop.

She worked with her long-term dance partner Temujin Gill to help turn Olympics opening ceremony artistic director Danny Boyle's ideas into reality.

The pair had been spotted teaching and performing community dance projects at the Ray Davies Meltdown Festival 2011 in London and were invited to meet Danny.

Sunandra said: "He had the initial ideas of the beds, nurses and doctors, children and bedtime stories and puppets like Voldemort and Cruella De Vil in the children's stories.

"We sat down and discussed how we could bring this in and that in. It came together as we went along.

"It was quite a stressful job but it was quite amazing as well. Something changed every day. They tried to cut the NHS section quite a few times. In the end, Danny won out."

Sunandra added: "It was an



amazing experience, something we will never forget. We were able to bring in a lot of people we have worked with who do different styles of dance."

The performance involved hundreds of dancers and was watched by billions of TV viewers worldwide.

Sunandra said that she was delighted to be involved in the Rhodes panto and is bringing a hip hop style to the character.

She has been at Rhodes before, teaching dance to young people through a performing arts roadshow, but it is her first panto.

"I used to watch panto with my mum and dad. It's nice to be involved. It's incredibly funny," she revealed.

Sunandra, who competed for Britain as a gymnast aged 17 in a team of three in Germany, went on to study dance at college and then a 'Fame school' in London.

She is also back at her alma mater of the London Studio Centre, where she had been a student, to teach Lindy Hop, an American dance which is a member of the swing dance family. She and Temujin have launched the company called Grounded.

The panto at Rhodes runs from today (Thursday) to Saturday, January 3.

Amy Moulder plays the title role of Dick, alongside panto favourite Phil Dale as the dame, Sarah the Cook.

Grace Wheeler, who played last year's Aladdin, is Fairy Bowbelle, Duncan Rutherford is the baddie RatPutin and last year's *Aladdin* comic duo Connor O'Sullivan and Dan James are joined by Will Lynch to make up the comic trio Itchy, Scratch and Bro.

Tickets start at £14, with family tickets available. Contact the box office on (01279) 651746 or see the website at www.rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk

PASHA set to sashay onto Playhouse stage

CHASE away post-Christmas blues with a trip to the theatre as Harlow Playhouse announces its exciting new spring/summer season.

Starting on Wednesday, February 11, with the maestro of feel-good comedy Stephen K Amos and his show *Welcome To My World*, the new programme is packed with entertainment.

Music fans are in for a treat with more than 10 shows to choose from, beginning on Friday, February 13 with official live tribute band T.Rextasy performing *I Love To Boogie* and also features gigs from folk rock pioneers Steelee Span (March 11), superstar singer Elkie Brooks (March 13) and X-Factor winner Joe McElderry (April 12), punctuated by the tongue-in-cheek pop parodies of *King Arthur's Kitchen* on February 14 and the distinctive vocal talent of Joe Longthorne on March 18-19.

The theatre will again be running its four shows for £24 Audience Club, giving theatregoers the chance to pick from performances including George Brant's powerful *Grounded* (February 12), Flintlock Theatre's brilliant *The Government Inspector* (March 4) and the intimate *Gods Are Fallen* and *All Safety Gone* (April 23).

Those looking for laughter can enjoy a crash course in personal accountability with Henning Wehn on March 22 as well as rib-tickling sets from slapstick comic Richard Herring on April 23.

The season's drama programme starts with *Grounded* on February 12 with a new modern adaptation of *Jekyll & Hyde* on March 12.

Other highlights on a packed programme include *Strictly Come Dancing's* Pasha Kovalev



with his new show *Life Through Dance* on March 29, BRILLIANT Arts Theatre's adaptation of *Bugsy Malone* on May 2-3 and Razed Roof's latest production *Lusitania: The Floating Palace*.

Theatre general manager Scott Ramsay said: "Getting out of the house and down the road to the Playhouse is a great way to distract from depressing news headlines and be cheered by some live entertainment.

"We're gradually introducing more drama into the programme and our Audience Club is a wonderfully inexpensive way of taking advantage of the range of dramas on offer.

"We also continue to bring a diverse range of original and tribute artists to Harlow, as well as some well known children's television names."

To book tickets call the box office on (01279) 431945 or visit www.playhouseharlow.com.

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TURNER is FRANK about indie venues

FRANK Turner loves nothing more than to be crammed into a small sweatbox seeing a great band. The singer-songwriter is this year's ambassador for Independent Venue Week, which aims to save the UK's small venues from extinction.

Supported using public funding by Arts Council England, Independent Venue Week is a seven-day long series of gigs running from January 26 to February 1, 2015.

At least 85 venues – including The Square in Harlow – will be participating with shows across the seven nights some of which are being curated by a growing number of industry partners.

In Harlow headline acts include The Blockheads (January 28) and The Subways (February 1).

Frank said: "Independent Venue Week

contacted me recently [founder Sybil Bell got in contact] and asked me to be involved in this year's campaign. I've been running a petition recently to try and get a change in planning law - the Agent of Change Principle - to help save many of the UK's small venues from extinction.

"It's a worthy cause, and we seem to have caught the attention of Sajid Javid MP, the Culture Secretary, but the whole thing, whilst totally worthwhile, is a little pessimistic in tone."

But what Frank loves about being involved in Independent Venue Week is that "it's a positive, celebratory thing, the necessary counterpoint to the rearguard action of the petition".

He added: "IVW is about bringing people together and celebrating a little corner of culture - our culture."

"My whole adult life has been spent in and around small venues, in the UK and elsewhere;

sometimes as a performer, but just as often as a punter.

"There's nothing I love more than to be crammed into a small sweatbox seeing a great band up close and personal.

"There's nowhere else I'd rather be. I think it's important both to celebrate this, and also to introduce new generations to that world, to show them that music is so much more than just sitting in front of a laptop listening to tracks on Spotify, or being herded to your seat in a corporate arena.

"It's something visceral, alive, and most of all participatory. Hopefully Independent Venue Week will get everyone, old and young, veteran and newbie, down to their local venue to enjoy some amazing music and make some new friends."

To buy tickets for any of the gig at The Square visit www.thesquareharlow.com.

Chorus joined by children for festive show

CHRISTMAS carols old and new will be performed at a concert by Harlow Chorus next Saturday (December 20).

The Glory of Christmas will also feature some newly composed music by students of Passmores Academy and a performance of

John Rutter's exuberant *Gloria*.

Accompanied by players from the championship band Redbridge Brass and Susan Graham Smith on keyboards, the concert will feature the voices of children from Henry Moore Primary School and the Harlow Chorus Academy, with the

audience getting plenty of opportunities to join in.

Alexander Chaplin will conduct the concert, aided by HCA director Janette Ruocco and Henry Moore School headteacher Mary Evans.

The concert at Passmores

Academy, in Traces Road, starts at 7pm and tickets costs £15 (£12 concessions and £2 for under 16s).

To book tickets visit harlowchorus.ticketsource.co.uk, email tickets@harlowchorus.org.uk or call Julia Dimon on (01277) 362440.

MUSICAL NOTES

Reachback + DOLLS + Remember December

Where: The Square, Fourth Avenue, Harlow
When: Thurs, Dec 11, 8pm **How much:** £2 **Tel:** 01279 305000

Formed in 2009, Reachback set to work writing fresh pop-rock tracks, releasing their first single Butterflies a year later. The four-piece band went on to share the stage with acts including McFly, Scouting For Girls, Mayday Parade and Forever The Sickest Kids and released two further singles - Without You which went straight into the Total Rock Radio playlist and No One Else. In 2012 Reachback received three Artist In Music Award nominations and were offered a slot on McFly's 'Keep Calm & Play Louder' tour. They spent the first half of last year touring the UK and recording their debut album, Adventureland, at Longwave Studios with producer Romesh Dodangoda.

The Fugitives

Where: Music at Marigolds, Harlow Cricket Club
When: Fri, Dec 12, 7.30pm **How much:** £7 OTD
Details: www.musicatmarigolds.co.uk **Tel:** 01279 414174 / 421763

Terry Boon, bass, vocals and acoustic guitar, Keith Harris, electric guitar, slide guitar, harp and vocals and Arthur Oughton, drums and vocals. Following some recent changes to personnel, the Fugitives are back at Marigolds by popular demand, stronger than ever with their eclectic mix of material that spans 50's swing through Chicago and Delta Blues to their take on more up to date material from the likes of Tom Waits, Tab Benoit and others.

There's even the odd r'n'b and acoustic number thrown in for good measure and the mix of instrumentation including harp, slide guitar and acoustic guitar keeps things varied and interesting. Above all they swing.

Peach + DJ DOFF

Where: Music at Marigolds, Harlow Cricket Club
When: Fri, Dec 12, 8pm **How much:** Free until 11pm, thereafter £2 **Details:** www.thesquareharlow.com **Tel:** 01279 305000.

Wyatt's Band

Where: The Shark, Hobtoe Road, Harlow **When:** Sat, Dec 13, 8pm **Details:** 01279 416297

Wyatt's Band is singer / guitarist / songwriter Claire Wyatt, drummer Oliver Dowling and bassist and backing vocals Daniel Fraser. Everything started in Maldon in September 2014 and the three of them hit it off straight away playing Claire's originals and taking cover songs and giving it their twist making the songs their own.

Mushroom Clown

Where: The Herald, Sumners, Harlow **When:** Fri, Dec 12, 9pm **Details:** 01279 437965

Essex-based covers band playing in and around Essex. Top-notch three-piece playing Bruno Mars, Stones, Maroon 5, Radiohead, Reef, Beatles, Oasis, and Pink Floyd.

Soul Crusader

Where: The Railway Hotel, Sawbridgeworth
When: Fri, Dec 12, 9pm

Anthem

Where: The Marne Inn Pub, Bishop's Stortford
When: Sat, Dec 13, 8.30pm **Details:** www.themarne.co.uk **Tel:** 01279 652101

Anthem, a local covers band, deliver a high-energy performance with their classic rock and roll style of favourite hits from Bon Jovi to Green Day.

Sax on Fire

Where: The Shark, Hoetoe Road, Harlow **When:** Sat, Dec 13, 9pm **Tel:** 01279 416297

Sax on Fire are a six piece Ska covers/tribute band based in Essex. The band came together in early 2010 after some minor changes in the line-up, and have since managed to build up a strong following.

Repertoire Dogs

Where: Harlow War Memorial Snooker & Social Club, Garden Terrace Road, Old Harlow **When:** Sat, Dec 13, 8.30pm **Tel:** 01279 866242

Repertoire Dogs perform material ranging from classic 60's numbers right up to current indie hits.

Mario Santana

Where: Burnt Mill Snooker and Social Club, Edinburgh Way, Harlow **When:** Sat, Dec 13 **Tel:** 01279 423174

A night of the very best in EDM and House + DK SPK

Where: The Square, Fourth Avenue, Harlow
When: Sat, Dec 13, 9pm **How much:** Free until 11pm, thereafter £2 **Tel:** 01279 305000

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE RECIPES

VEGGIE ALTERNATIVE

A vegetarian Christmas dinner doesn't have to be a nut roast or meat substitute. Be creative and try this vegetable tart packed full of colours and flavours...



Cranberry-glazed shallot and root vegetable tarte tatin

SERVES 4-6

Preparation time: 20-25 minutes

Cooking time: 40-45 minutes

Ingredients

50g/2oz butter
2 parsnips, peeled, cored and cut into small chunks
2 carrots, peeled and cut into small chunks
Finely grated rind and juice of 1 orange
200ml/7fl oz vegetable stock
125g/4oz shallots, peeled and halved
1 courgette, halved lengthways and cut into chunks
3 tbsp Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce
1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
225g/8oz puff pastry, thawed if frozen
Small handful flat leaf parsley
Seasoning

Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C/fan oven 180°C/Gas mark 6. Melt the butter in a 23cm (9in) heavy based ovenproof frying pan and fry the parsnips and carrots for 3-4 minutes. Stir in the orange rind and juice and stock and bring to the boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in the shallots, courgette, Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce and mustard. Simmer for 6-7 minutes or until the vegetables are tender and the stock has been absorbed. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface to a 24cm (9 1/2in) circle. Remove the pan from the heat and lay the pastry over the top, tucking in the edges. Bake for 20 minutes until risen and golden. Turn out onto a serving plate and scatter with parsley to serve.
Recipe courtesy of www.ukshallot.com



Get set for the FEAST

With just a fortnight to go until **Christmas Day** here are our suggestions for the main meal and all the trimmings with some tasty twists

Roasted Turkey with Shallot And Fresh Sage Stuffing

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 90 minutes

Ingredients

5kg free-range Totally Traditional Turkey
4 tbsp rapeseed oil
Sea salt and black pepper
For the stuffing:
75g butter
2 tbsp rapeseed oil
8 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
3 cloves of garlic, peeled and finely chopped
250g dried figs, chopped into small cubes
2 small eating apples
250g fresh breadcrumbs
3 tbsp fresh sage leaves, chopped
750g sausage meat
3tbsp of parsley, chopped
1 large egg beaten
Sea salt and black pepper

Method

Preheat oven to 230°C/Gas Mark 8. Remove turkey giblets and reserve. Rinse the turkey inside and out and dry well. Place the turkey in a large roasting pan, brush the turkey generously with rapeseed oil and season with sea salt and black pepper and cover with foil. Place the prepared turkey in the pre-heated oven and cook at this temperature for the first 30 minutes. Then, lower the oven temperature to 180°C/Gas Mark 4 and cook for approximately 30 minutes per kilo, basting every hour. To prepare the stuffing, heat the butter and rapeseed oil until the butter has melted. Add the shallots and fry gently until well softened but not browned. Stir in the garlic and season well with sea salt and black pepper. Remove from the heat and place in a bowl, leave to cool. Peel the apples, cut into quarters, remove the core and cut into small cubes. Mix the figs, apples, breadcrumbs, sage, sausage meat and parsley with the shallots, season well with sea salt and black pepper using clean hands and then mix in the beaten egg. The mixture should be quite firm, with wet hands, mould the stuffing into balls the size of a golf ball. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake in the pre-heated oven for about 20 minutes, until golden brown and cooked through. Alternatively you can use the mixture to stuff an onion, per person, and place the rest of the mixture into an ovenproof dish to cook.

Take one small onion per person and peel, leaving the top of the onion intact and the base root in place. Peel and boil, whole, in salted boiling water for 8-10 minutes, until just soft, drain and cool in cold water. Drain and cut the top off the onion, about three quarters of the way up, so as to make a lid. Using a sharp knife, hollow out the onion and stuff with the stuffing mixture, replace the lid and brush all over with rapeseed oil. Bake for 30-35 minutes in the oven alongside the turkey until cooked through and slightly caramelised. When the turkey is approximately 35 minutes before the end of cooking, remove the foil, drain off any of the excess fat and cook for a further 35 minutes or until golden brown. Transfer the turkey to a platter and cover loosely with foil and leave to rest for 20-30 minutes. Serve the turkey carved with stuffing balls or stuffed onions and gravy.
Recipe supplied by www.totallytraditionalturkeys.com

Baked pork shoulder with baked apples

SERVES: 4-6

Prep time: 25 minutes

Cooking time: For the apples, 40 minutes; For the pork, 2 hours and 10 minutes, plus 20 minutes resting.

Ingredients

For the pork:
Approx. 2kg pork shoulder joint (bone out)
A little olive oil
Salt & freshly ground black pepper
For the baked apples:
1 onion, finely chopped
1 tbsp olive oil
25g butter
2 rashers smoked streaky bacon, finely diced
2 tbsp finely chopped sage leaves
Salt & freshly ground black pepper
40g walnuts, chopped
4 small-medium Pink Lady apples

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 220°C. Lay the pork joint in a roasting tin and rub all over with a little olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Roast in the hot oven for 30 minutes. Turn the heat down to 160°C and continue to roast for further 1 hour and 40 minutes (for a 2 kg joint). If your joint weighs more or less, simply roast at the hot temperature for 30 minutes, then roast at the lower temperature for 25 minutes per kg. Once cooking time has finished, remove the pork, wrap loosely in tin foil and allow to rest for 20 minutes before carving. Once the pork is roasting in the oven,

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start the apples. In a small frying pan, gently sweat the onion with the olive oil, butter, bacon and sage, seasoning well with salt & freshly ground black pepper. Allow to soften over a low heat for around 15 minutes, stirring occasionally until the onion is lightly caramelised. While the onion is cooking, prepare the apples. Slice the top off each apple, cutting about 1 cm from the top, and score a fine line through the skin all around the middle of each. Using a melon baller, sturdy teaspoon or small knife, carefully scoop and hollow out the core and a little of the surround apple, leaving you with a walnut-sized cavity. Finely chop the excess apple from the core and add to the frying pan, along with the walnuts and fry for a further 5 minutes. Place the apples in a snug cluster in a small baking dish and spoon the filling into the hollows, packing it down quite firmly. Top each with the cut off apple top, creating a lid. 20 minutes before the pork is due to be done, slide the apples into the oven and bake for 40 minutes until soft when pierced with a skewer.
Recipe courtesy of www.pinkladyapples.co.uk

Orange and thyme-glazed carrots
These luxuriously sticky, fragrant carrots are a great way of livening up a traditional Christmas dinner or to spice up leftovers.
Serves: 4

Preparation time: 5 minutes
Cooking time: 10 minutes
Ingredients
400g Chantenay or baby carrots
2 tsp cumin seeds
2 tbsp Streamline thin cut orange marmalade
1 tsp soy sauce
3-4 stalks thyme, leaves picked
Salt & black pepper

Method

Boil or steam the carrots until tender. Heat a frying pan and dry fry the cumin seeds for a moment or two until they become fragrant. Stir in the thin cut orange marmalade, soy sauce and 1 tablespoon of water until the marmalade has melted into a glaze. Drain the carrots and toss them in the glaze until they look glossy. Sprinkle over the thyme leaves and season. Continue to toss until everything is well coated, then pour into a serving dish.
Recipe courtesy of www.streamlinefoods.co.uk

Mulled red cabbage

This intriguing twist on a classic makes preparing the perfect accompaniment to a roast really quick and simple.

SERVES: 6

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 1 hour

Ingredients

500g red cabbage
3 echalion shallots
2 Pink Lady apples
knob of salted butter
2 clementines

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CENTREPIECE:
Roasted turkey
with shallot and
fresh sage
stuffing



STRONG FLAVOURS: Tenderstem broccoli with chestnuts and pancetta

10 cloves
1 cinnamon stick
2 tsp mixed spice
100ml red wine vinegar
4tbsp Streamline black cherry jam
Salt & black pepper

Method

Finely slice the cabbage, shallots and apples. In a large casserole, heat the butter then tip in the sliced cabbage, shallots and apples and toss well. Add the zest and juice of one clementine, stud the other clementine with cloves and add it to the pan along with the cinnamon, mixed spice, vinegar and black cherry jam. Season, stir and put the lid on.

Cook on a low heat for an hour until the cabbage is tender, stirring

occasionally. If the mixture gets a little dry, add a dash of water. Serve hot or cold.

Note: Great with ham, cold meats and cheese as well as alongside a traditional roast.

Recipe courtesy of
www.streamlinefoods.co.uk

Tenderstem Broccoli Tossed in Butter with Chestnuts, Black Pepper and Pancetta

SERVES: 4

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

400g Tenderstem broccoli cut into strips
50g unsalted butter
75g pancetta lardons
200g chestnuts roughly chopped
Salt & cracked black pepper

Method

Bring a medium sized pan of salted water to the boil, add the Tenderstem and cook for 30 seconds. Drain, then cool under cold running water and set aside. Heat a medium sized frying pan then add the butter and lardons. Cook until the lardons start to release some fat and turn golden brown, about 5 minutes. Add the chestnuts and Tenderstem. Cook for a further 2 minutes, season with salt, plenty of pepper and serve immediately.

Recipe courtesy of
www.tenderstem.co.uk



TASTY SIDES: Orange and thyme-glazed carrots and mulled red cabbage

CHRISTMAS COCKTAILS

Impress the guests at your festive gathering by creating these Christmas cocktails



FESTIVE TIPP: Rudolph's Blush

Rudolph's Blush

A fruity, indulgent treat, featuring Ciroc Red Berry vodka, blackberry liqueur and fresh lemon juice that is sure to get everyone in the mood for the seasonal festivities.

Ingredients

40ml Ciroc Red Berry
15ml fresh lemon juice
10ml Creme de Mure*
5ml sugar syrup
10ml egg white

Garnish

Angostura bitters
Raspberries
Icing sugar

Method

Shake ingredients without ice (dry shake). Then add plenty of ice and shake hard. Fine strain into a chilled coupe glass. To garnish, add a drop of Angostura bitters or, alternatively, place a raspberry on top with a dusting of icing sugar.

Mulled Champagne

A seasonal champagne cocktail, akin to a Kir Royale with notes of spiced cranberry and pomegranate.

Ingredients

300ml cranberry juice
200ml pomegranate juice
300ml caster sugar
50gm Chinese five spice powder
150ml Veuve Clicquot

Garnish

Orange zest
2 tsp pomegranate seeds

Method

For the spiced syrup

In a pan gently heat the cranberry and pomegranate juices. Stir in caster sugar and Chinese five spice powder. Do not allow to boil. Continue to stir until the sugar dissolves. Fine strain the syrup to remove the solids and allow to cool. Pour a glass of Veuve Clicquot until it's 2/3 full. Add 20ml of the cooled spiced syrup and stir. Garnish with an orange zest and pomegranate seeds. The syrup is perfect to make ahead of a party allowing for easy cocktail assembling when guests arrive.

Baileys' Nog

A twist on the seasonal favourite that is quick and simple to make. The perfect sharing drink for festive celebrations that is sure to be a crowd pleaser!

Ingredients

300ml full fat milk
300ml Baileys Irish Cream
4 egg yolks
150ml Maple Syrup
1 tsp cinnamon powder
1 tsp allspice powder

Garnish

Freshly grated nutmeg
Chocolate swizzlestick

Method

In a blender combine the milk and a few scoops of ice and blend until smooth. In a separate bowl mix the egg yolks, cinnamon, allspice and maple syrup. Combine all ingredients in the blender and blend again. Pour into a glass and dust with grated nutmeg. Garnish with a chocolate swizzlestick and serve.

■ These recipes are courtesy of World Duty Free. For more information on our products, please visit www.worlddutyfree.com

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THE BIG MOVIE:

SQUARE EYES



Identify the stars from their eyes to **WIN pizzas & side orders** from Domino's in Stortford



HOW TO ENTER: Work out which stars the eyes above belong to and you could win a voucher for two pizzas of any size and two side orders from Domino's Pizza in Bishop's Stortford, worth £40. If you are struggling to identify them, they will all be appearing on TV or at the cinema this week.

Please enter by email only to 7@hertsessexnews.co.uk marking the subject line Square Eyes, to be in with a chance of winning. Please include your name, phone number and full address so that we can send you your voucher.

Closing date is end of Monday (December 15).

LAST WEEK: ANSWERS: The Fall's Jamie Dornan, comedian Dara O'Brian and TV adventurer Ben Fogle
WINNER: Lucy Hogg, of Crofters End, Sawbridgeworth

WIN TICKETS

Win pair of cinema tickets & sharer combo for any film at Bishop's Stortford **EMPIRE**

QUESTION: WHICH ACTOR MAKES HIS SIXTH APPEARANCE AS GANDALF IN THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES?

HOW TO ENTER: Please email your answer, name, address and telephone number, to 7@hertsessexnews.co.uk marking the subject line Empire Cinema, to be in with a chance of winning 2 tickets to a film of your choice at the Empire Cinema in Stortford plus a Sharer combo consisting of a large popcorn, plus 2 regular dispensed drinks (no alcohol, hot or bottled drinks, ice blasts or milk shakes). 3D glasses will be supplied when required. Manager's decision is final. Closing date is end of Monday (December 15).

LAST WEEK: ANSWER: Ben Stiller was the voice of Alex the lion in the Madagascar films
WINNER: Laura Charlton, of Abbeydale Close, Harlow

END OF an epic journey

Peter Jackson is preparing to bid farewell to Middle Earth. As the final instalment of The Hobbit trilogy hits screens, the director and film's stars tell Keeley Bolger how they feel ...

After 17 years immersed in directing The Lord Of The Rings and The Hobbit films, Peter Jackson's immediate plans for a future without the fantasy series are firmly grounded in reality.

"I can go to the beach now," says the droll 53-year-old Kiwi, prompting huffs of laughter from his all-star cast, who are sitting alongside him to discuss the final Hobbit movie, The Battle Of The Five Armies.

"As you can tell, he does that a lot," snorts Evangeline Lilly, who plays strong-willed elf warrior Tauriel in the trilogy.

As Lilly's gentle mocking suggests, Jackson is unlikely to come good on his promise to himself. For starters, his work on J.R.R. Tolkien's books isn't entirely over yet.

Indeed, the decorated director will still be tinkering around in Middle Earth, where the books are set, for "four or five months", working on the extended cut. "Which is going to be fantastic," he notes. "It's going to be fun because there's some good stuff in there."

And with a monstrous war raging in Middle Earth, The Battle Of The Five Armies, promises to be a fitting send off to the trilogy.

"The epic battle at the centre of this film is the climax of three movies' worth of storylines, which all continue to play out, even as armies are clashing on the battlefield," says the director,



GOOD MAN: Luke Evans stars as Bard

who read the books as a teenager.

"There is a lot of suspense and tension, triumph as well as tragedy, as the various agendas and personal conflicts between the characters come to a head. It's the most powerful and emotional of the three Hobbit films, and honours each character with whom we've gone on this journey."

Gripping as this sounds, restrictions mean Jackson is unlikely to make another foray into Tolkien's fantasy world.

"It's a legal thing," explains the director, whose third Lord Of The Rings film The Return Of The King won a whopping 11 Oscars in 2004.

The script occasionally deviates from Tolkien's source text, contriving one superfluous and protracted interlude with elvish allies Elrond (Hugo Weaving) and Galadriel (Cate Blanchett) and wizard Saruman (Christopher Lee) to provide a flimsy bridge.

Jackson's mastery of action sequences is beyond doubt – the two set pieces which book-end this film are executed with flair, precision and a miasma of impressive digital effects.

However, all that technical sound and fury without comparable emotional heft makes for increasingly wearisome viewing.

The company of dwarves led by Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) and including Bilbo



ONE LAST TIME: The Battle Of The Five Armies is Sir Ian McKellen's sixth appearance as Gandalf

"The Tolkien estate owns the writings of Professor Tolkien. The Hobbit and The Lord Of The Rings were sold by Professor Tolkien in the sixties, the film rights.

"They are the only two works of his that have ever been sold, so without the cooperation of the Tolkien estate, there can't be more films."

This may come as sad news to fans, whose festive seasons are punctuated by the regular dose of the fantasy blockbuster – but Jackson and his stars are pleased to "hand off" to them.

"I'm very proud of the films,"

says British actor Martin Freeman, 43, who has played the titular hobbit and everyman hero Bilbo Baggins throughout the trilogy.

"I'm proud of my participation in it, and I'm proud on all of our behalves, really. That's why I don't feel sad about this being the third one – I just want people to see it and like it."

Like Freeman, Sir Ian McKellen, 75, who plays wizard Gandalf throughout the "classic" series, feels "bloody lucky" to be part of Tolkien's world – not least because he is one of the few people who has plunged into that

Baggins (Martin Freeman) watches in horror as the mighty dragon Smaug (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch) incinerates Laketown.

As the flames rise, Bard the Bowman (Luke Evans) prepares to launch the last remaining black arrow at the beast.

Nearby, the Master of Laketown (Stephen Fry) and sniveling henchman Alfrid (Ryan Gage) make their escape in a barge laden with gold.

At Dol Guldur, Gandalf (Sir Ian McKellen) escapes from the clutches of the Necromancer (Cumberbatch again) and beats a hasty path to the mountains.

As the end credits roll, accompanied by an original song from Billy Boyd, we feel a sense of relief rather than sadness.



FORCE OF GOOD: Orlando Bloom reprises his role as Legolas

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BATTLE OF THE FIVE

ON SET: Peter Jackson, Martin Freeman and Sir Ian McKellen consult their notes

- The city of Dale, where the humans live, was the largest outdoor set created for the trilogy. At 1,600 square feet, it took 200 carpenters and artisans more than 12 weeks to build.
- Costume designer Ann Maskrey used dancer Margot Fonteyn's dress from the ballet Ondine as inspiration for the gown worn by Cate Blanchett, who plays leading elf Galadriel.
- Special effects company Weta Digital created 100 new individual Orcs for this film, each with a distinct helmet and other unique features, including pole arms, spears, swords, shields, teeth and contact lenses.
- Billy Boyd, who plays Pippin in the Lord Of The Rings trilogy, composed and sings The Last Goodbye, which features at the end of the film.

magical kingdom for real.

"People ask, 'What is it like to be in Middle Earth?' and it's an understandable question, because I felt it at the premiere; 'Oh I would love to be there...'. Oh - hang about, I was there! But actually, I wasn't, it was the characters who were there, and Middle Earth is actually in our hearts.

"But it's up there on the screen, and aren't we lucky? More than anybody else, more than the director who is watching through a screen, we were actually there. It is snow falling on our boots, it's grass

under our feet and the wind blowing in our faces," adds McKellen, who says that the next development would be for Jackson to create a "cinematic, living museum", so fans can also experience Middle Earth.

With a film that feels so real for those involved, Jackson is keen to know how fans respond to watching all six films in the "right story order" ("It's 24 hours of joy!"), and how the series will influence future generations.

"I hope I inspire children to make films," he says. "I'm sitting here today the result of films and

TV I watched as a kid; Thunderbirds, King Kong, the Ray Harryhausen movies... they're the reason why I'm here.

"They excited me, they inspired me to become obsessive about making films, so it would be a wonderful, wonderful thing if there were young kids who were getting affected by our films in the same way I'd be proud if that were the case."

Nodding his agreement, McKellen, one of the few actors to appear in all six films, hopes the series will be loved for generations to come.

"I was impressed at the

premiere by the age of the kids who slept out to wish us well," says the veteran actor, who describes New Zealand where the films were shot as "God's own".

"Some of them weren't born in the last century when we started, so our work is part of their lives. And you know, what are we doing it for, other than to have an effect? And the effect could be that crucial to them.

"So it's not the end, it's the beginning now, as people see the film and then want to see the six of them. That will be a whole different experience."

WORTH A WATCH



PADDINGTON (PG)

GENRE: CHILDREN

Like the books, the film starts in deepest, darkest Peru where a well-mannered three-foot bear (voiced by Ben Whishaw) lives with his elderly Aunt Lucy (Imelda Staunton) and Uncle Pastuzo (Michael Gambon). When their home is threatened, Aunt Lucy packs her nephew off to the safety of London where warm-hearted Mrs Brown (Sally Hawkins) and son Jonathan (Samuel Joslin) vow to take the furry chap home for the night. Naming him Paddington after the station where they found him, the Browns introduce their guest to kindly housekeeper Mrs Bird (Julie Walters). Mrs Brown takes Paddington to see her friend Mr Gruber (Jim Broadbent), an antiques dealer, but, in doing so, they attract the attention of cranky curtain twitcher Mr Curry (Peter Capaldi) and a slimy associate of villainous taxidermist Millicent (Nicole Kidman) who is hell-bent on "stuffing that bear".



The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 (12A)

GENRE: DRAMA

Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) barely survived the Third Quarter Quell. Separated from fellow tributes Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) and Johanna (Jena Malone), who are being held in the Capitol, Katniss gathers her strength in a secret underground complex. Her allies include childhood friend Gale Hawthorne (Liam Hemsworth), mentor Haymitch Abernathy (Woody Harrelson), chaperone Effie Trinket (Elizabeth Banks), architect of the rebellion Plutarch Heavensbee (Philip Seymour Hoffman) and District 13 President Alma Coin (Julianne Moore). The people of the Districts look to Katniss to lead them against President Snow and the armed forces of Panem.



THE IMITATION GAME

GENRE: DRAMA

Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch) sits in a police interrogation room with Detective Nock (Rory Kinnear), facing a charge of indecency with a 19-year-old unemployed man called Arnold Murray. In flashback, we witness Alan's arrival at Bletchley Park where Commander Denniston (Charles Dance) and Major General Stewart Menzies (Mark Strong) preside over a group of the country's keenest minds in the hope that one of them can break Enigma. Hugh Alexander (Matthew Goode), John Cairncross (Allen Leech) and Peter Hilton (Matthew Beard) work alongside Turing, but he ploughs his own furrow and raises eyebrows by recruiting Joan Clarke (Keira Knightley) to the team.

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LAST-MINUTE gift ideas



By the time this goes to print, there will only be a couple of weeks left before Christmas. In between pantomimes, obsessing over my wonky tree and losing the plot untangling Christmas lights, I have been looking at some last-minute Christmas gifts.

So if you've not managed to get your Great Aunt Bessie (we all know who does my Christmas lunch) her yearly dose of Baileys, fret not as I've found some great alternatives.

Lush Christmas Gifts, prices from £2.95. Stockist
www.lush.co.uk

Most people smell Lush before they've entered the shops. Their bath products are filled with essential oils and as such the aromas usually spread to surrounding shops. Every year they treat buyers to luxury and fun gift-wrapped boxes full of their festive cheer. You can buy individual 'Bath Bombs' such as the Dashing Santa which fizzes around the bath with a blend of orange essence, or one of their pre-filled boxes such as the Festive Friends, which has everything for little ones and grown ups too – I promise you bath-time will never be the same again.

Ferrari Red Power Eau De Toilette, £29 40ml. Stockist
www.boots.com

I opened this on the radio last week and both myself and producer Michelle Ward agreed that if a man wore this, it would be hard to resist nuzzling up for a closer whiff. With notes of Sicilian blood orange, red pepper, cardamom and base notes of tonka bean and patchouli, this masculine and seductive scent will drive (pardon the pun) you wild.

Mankind Kenneth Cole, £29 30ml. Stockist House of Fraser

This new fragrance evokes emotions of power and leadership with aromatic essences of woody notes. A blend of tarragon leaves, ginger, pineapple and lasting notes of skin musk, oak moss and sandalwood, all encased in a leather designed bottle. This fragrance is for a man who knows his own mind and makes a woman want to get into his mind.

Espa Limited Edition Winter Spice Candle, 410g £45. Stockist
www.espaskincare.com

Yes, this may be expensive for a candle but hear me out. It lasts absolutely ages and the smell is



so strong it fills the whole house with warming cinnamon, ginger and sweet orange. It's Christmas in a candle and sets an ambience for a cosy and intimate night with friends and family. I bought one last year and everyone commented on it.

Rollasole Flats, from £7.95. Stockist www.rollasole.com

Such a great idea – these flat ballet pumps can be rolled up to fit into your bag, so that after a hard nights dancing in heels, you can slip these on and let out a sigh of relief. They come in all designs and I love the glitter as it means I can carry on partying away without compromising on glamour!

Elemental Herbology Globe-Trotter Kit, £50. Stockist
www.elementalherbology.com

Many moons ago, when I used to work in London, one of my favourite shops was Space NK – a haven for all unusual beauty brands. Elemental Herbology was one of those brands which I spent most of my salary on and for justifiable reasons – they smelt heavenly. This Globe-Trotter Kit, whilst expensive, is perfect for sampling just how decadent the

products are. Containing Hand Nutrition, Lip Complex, Body Wash and Body Cream, they're ideal for all skin types. The Body Cream smells divine with essence of mandarin and geranium, whilst the Body Wash will awaken the senses with zesty grapefruit and lemon.

Melvita L'Or Bio Eau De Toilette, £36 50ml. Stockist
www.melvita.co.uk

A sparkling and sophisticated scent with fresh notes of jasmine, Italian bergamot and

tiare flower, with an edge to the other perfumes on the market – all the ingredients are organic. If you know someone who cares about the environment and likes a light scent, then introduce them to this wonderful French brand who are dedicated to supporting ecological issues and the future of bees as the company was found on the site of a bee farm!

Orla Kiely Mini Reed Diffuser Gift Sets, £26. Stockist
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THE latest Toyota Yaris Hybrid features a sharper look, a better quality interior, retuned suspension, better refinement and tweaks to improve efficiency across the board, not to mention the ability to record 85.6mpg.

Car manufacturers don't tend to like spending a lot of money on mid-life refreshes. In most instances they try to get the biggest bang for their buck, changing cosmetically obvious but fairly cheap units like grilles, lights and bumpers. With the Yaris, Toyota has spent double what would normally be the case, ploughing £70m into updating the car.

In an attempt to buoy sales of its best-selling model Europe-wide, the company has fitted 1,000 new parts and claims to have spent 576,000 man-hours developing this updated version. So it can't be accused of taking half measures.

The range has been rejigged as well, offering different trims as well as the choice of three and five-door body styles, manual and CVT gearboxes, and diesel, petrol and hybrid power units.

It's the latter we look at here, a petrol/electric hybrid that deserves a bigger slice of the action than it's received to date.

DRIVING EXPERIENCE

The Yaris Hybrid is powered by a combination of a 1.5-litre petrol engine and a small electric motor which together combine to produce a modest 100PS.

That might not sound much, but such is the torque of the motor that it feels as if it's got the lazy flexibility of a bigger engine which is exactly what you want around town.

You can pull away and drive just over a mile purely in electric mode if you're light on the

throttle and when the petrol engine does kick in it's anything but uncouth.

Drive goes to the front wheels via an e-CVT continuously variable transmission and the turning circle is, at 4.7 metres, just as tight as the regular Yaris.

The power pack is effectively a downsized version of that featured in the Prius, with a more compact electric motor, transaxle, inverter and battery pack.

Toyota has tried to boost the driving dynamics of the Yaris but it's still no Fiesta. That said, the Hybrid does what it was designed to do brilliantly, namely handle stop and start city traffic.

Ride quality retains a decent suppleness courtesy of a retuned torsion beam rear suspension. The steering is also a tad sharper and the springs and dampers have been fettled for better body control.

Toyota has further improved the refinement of what was already a very quiet car by reducing wind noise at speed and increasing the amount of cabin soundproofing material.

DESIGN AND BUILD

The Yaris takes its styling influence from the Aygo, with the X-shaped frontal graphic giving it a far sharper look.

It's a more assertive-looking car and Europeans like that. Where Toyota Motor Europe invested 25 per cent of the development budget into the initial third gen Yaris, they paid for 75 per cent of this revision.

The headlights get projector technology for high and low beams and the clusters incorporate LED daytime running lights. In profile, Yaris displays a revised door belt moulding, door mirrors with an optional folding function and updated 15-inch and

16-inch alloy wheel designs. A rear bumper and diffuser assembly give the back end a more self-confident look, garnished with a neat set of LED light clusters.

The interior has also come in for a restyle with a narrower upper instrument panel, a sleeker door panel and a centre console that's been raised by 23mm so that the length of the gear lever can be reduced by 30mm, improving the ergonomics of gear changes. A closed storage area has also been added to the console.

Adopting the latest Toyota Touch 2 multimedia systems has brought an increase in the size of the central touchscreen to seven inches. Better materials with more consistent grains and softer padding also feature.

By cleverly packaging the hybrid drive system, this Yaris features just as much boot space as its more conventionally powered siblings. That means you get 272 litres under the parcel shelf and when you drop the 60:40 folding EasyFlat rear seats you've got up to 477 litres at your disposal.

MARKET AND MODEL

The Yaris Hybrid is only offered in the top two trim grades – Icon and Excel.

The Icon features a leather-trimmed steering wheel, air conditioning and the latest Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system fitted as standard. Climate control air conditioning is standard for all Hybrid models. The range-topping Excel also gets features like part leather seats, cruise control, rain-sensing wipers and dusk-sensing headlights.

The Toyota Touch 2 system is interesting, offering an updated take on the touch screen multimedia system with a higher resolution seven-inch display.

The package includes Bluetooth for hands-free calling, sending and receipt of text messages and audio streaming. There's a rear-view camera, vehicle information including trip data, climate control profile and management of settings for door locking and lighting.

It comes with DAB digital radio as standard, with an FM link that automatically switches the system to FM reception when there is no DAB signal.

Toyota Touch 2 is also MirrorLink-ready, allowing users to connect compatible smartphones and operate them entirely using the touch screen. Toyota Touch 2 with Go is available as an option, adding navigation, connected services and access to a range of applications including Toyota Real Time Traffic and services such as fuel prices, weather and parking information.

COST OF OWNERSHIP

The question many will need answered is whether the Yaris Hybrid works out cheaper to run over a three-year period than, say, the 1.4-litre diesel model you could also choose.

In truth there's extremely little in it. The Hybrid scores better for fuel economy, insurance costs and emissions while the diesel counters with slightly better residual values and cheaper servicing.

With ever stricter emissions-based tax legislation, the 79g/km Hybrid future-proofs itself better than the 99g/km diesel which could be critical. The other thing to bear in mind is that you're building the additional cost of a CVT transmission into calculations on the Hybrid, whereas the diesels just campaign with a manual gearbox.

All told, it's hard to argue with a car that can return 85.6mpg on the combined cycle.

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Verso, Avensis, Avensis Verso, Previa	£159	£239	£349
Yaris Hybrid, Prius 1.5L	£139	£209	£269
Auris Hybrid, Prius 1.8L, Prius+, Prius Plug-in	£149	£219	£279
MIR2, Celica	£129	£209	£279
RAV4	£139	£239	£299
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Amazon, Land Cruiser V8	£259	£449	£529
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CAR OF THE WEEK

2002 (02)
Mercedes SLK 230
Kompressor Auto



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blue, alloy wheels, cruise control, remote central locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, leather seats, power hood, air con, 63,000 miles

2011 (11)
Fiat Punto 1.4 Evo



£4,995

black, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 39,000 miles only

2009 (09)
Ford Fiesta 1.6 Ghia
(new shape),



£6,995

purple, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, one lady owner, 34,000 miles only

2010 (10)
Vauxhall Insignia
Estate 1.8



£7,995

grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 40,000 miles only

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EXECUTIVE

2010 (59) Bentley GTC 6.0 Auto, black, black hood, alloy wheels, climate control, heated electric leather beige memory seats, cruise control, Sat Nav, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, electric power hood, 11,000 miles only, YES 11,000 miles only! Stunning car has to be seen Was £79,995 Now £75,995
2010 (10) Range Rover Sport 3.0 Diesel HSE, bronze, alloy wheels, climate control, heated electric leather seats, Sat Nav, reversing camera, cruise control, parking sensors, remote locking, keyless start, e/windows, e/mirrors, 18,000 miles only, one owner, stunner Was £34,995 Now £29,995
2003 (52) Bentley Arnage 6.7 Twin Turbo, dark metallic green, light cream quilted leather, phone, sat nav, split rim wheels, 42,000 miles only, history, superb looking car, bargain, cost new £180,000 Was £39,995 Now £28,000
2011 (61) BMW 730 Diesel Auto, black, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, heated electric leather seats, Sat Nav, Parking sensors, one owner, remote locking, keyless start, 16,000 miles only, stunning Was £31,995 Now £25,995
2003 (03) Mercedes SL350 Auto, silver, alloy wheels, climate control, heated electric leather memory seats, cruise control, Sat Nav, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, electric hood hard top, 59,000 miles Was £13,995 Now £11,995

SALOON & HATCHBACK

2010 (10) Vauxhall Insignia Estate 1.8, grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 40,000 miles only Was £8,995 Now £7,995
SOLD 2009 (59) Toyota IQ 1.0 Auto, red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 17,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2011 (61) Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi, grey, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 39,000 miles only Was £7,495 Now £6,495
2008 (08) Mercedes A150, black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, CD player, 59,000 miles Was £6,995 Now £5,995
2010 (60) Peugeot 207 1.4, black, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 38,000 miles only Was £6,995 Now £5,695
2009 (59) Peugeot 308 1.4, black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 53,000 miles Was £5,995 Now £4,995
2008 (58) Mazda 2 1.3, gold, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 28,000 miles only, one owner Was £5,995 Now £4,995
SOLD 2008 (58) Renault Megane 1.4, champagne, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, electric sunroof, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 42,000 miles only Was £5,995 Now £4,695
2006 (06) Hyundai Coupe 2.0, silver, alloy wheels, air con, leather seats, cruise control, e/sunroof, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 33,000 miles only Was £4,995 Now £3,995
2007 (57) Renault Megane 1.6, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 57,000 miles Was £4,495 Now £3,495
SOLD 2007 (07) Peugeot 207 1.4 Diesel, silver, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 88,000 miles, £30 a year tax Was £4,495 Now £3,495

FAMILY CARS

2010 (10) Vauxhall Insignia Estate 1.8, grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 40,000 miles only Was £8,995 Now £7,995
2007 (07) Nissan Qashqai 2.0 Auto, silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, cruise control, parking sensors, 50,000 miles Was £8,995 Now £7,995
2007 (57) Nissan Qashqai 2.0, beige, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, 42,000 miles only Was £8,995 Now £7,995
2011 (61) Vauxhall Meriva 1.4, silver, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 17,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2011 (11) Renault Clio Estate 1.6, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, Sat Nav, parking sensors, 16,000 miles only, one owner Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2011 (11) Renault Modus 1.6 Automatic, beige/silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, half leather seats, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 18,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2007 (57) Citroen C4 Picasso 1.6 Diesel, mauve, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 7 seater, 40,000 miles only, one owner Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2011 (61) Vauxhall Meriva 1.4, beige, air con, remote locking, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, one owner, 33,000 miles only Was £7,495 Now £6,495
2009 (09) Renault Scenic 1.4 TCE, silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, Sat Nav, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 40,000 miles only Was £7,495 Now £6,495
2008 (58) Ford C-Max 1.6, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 49,000 miles Was £7,495 Now £6,495
2011 (60) Vauxhall Meriva 1.4, blue, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 28,000 miles only Was £7,495 Now £6,495
2011 (11) Vauxhall Meriva 1.7 CDTi, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 59,000 miles Was £6,995 Now £5,995
2008 (58) Peugeot 308 1.6 Sport, silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, CD player, 50,000 miles Was £5,995 Now £4,995
2006 (55) Ford Focus 1.6 Auto, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 42,000 miles only Was £4,695 Now £3,695

AUTOMATICS

2007 (07) Nissan Qashqai 2.0 Auto, silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, cruise control, parking sensors, 50,000 miles Was £8,995 Now £7,995
SOLD 2011 (11) Vauxhall Meriva 1.7 CDTi Auto, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, one owner, 23,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2011 (11) Renault Clio Estate 1.6, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, Sat Nav, parking sensors, 16,000 miles only, one owner Was £7,995 Now £6,995
SOLD 2009 (59) Toyota IQ 1.0 Auto, red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 17,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2011 (11) Renault Modus 1.6 Automatic, beige/silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, half leather seats, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 18,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2011 (11) Vauxhall Meriva 1.7 CDTi, beige, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, cd player, one owner, 59,000 miles only Was £6,995 Now £5,995
SOLD 2007 (07) Citroen C4 2.0 Auto, green, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, heated electric leather seats, Sat Nav, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, all extras, 55,000 miles Was £5,995 Now £4,495
2006 (55) Ford Focus 1.6 Auto, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 42,000 miles only Was £4,695 Now £3,695

SMALL CARS

2009 (09) Ford Fiesta 1.6 Ghia (new shape), purple, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, one lady owner, 34,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
SOLD 2009 (59) Toyota IQ 1.0 Auto, red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 17,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2011 (61) Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi, grey, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 39,000 miles only Was £7,495 Now £6,495
2011 (61) Nissan Micra 1.2 New Shape, grey, remote locking, e/windows, CD player, ideal first car, cheaper tax & insurance, 34,000 miles only Was £6,995 Now £5,995
2010 (60) Peugeot 207 1.4, black, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 38,000 miles only Was £6,995 Now £5,695
2011 (11) Fiat Punto 1.4 Evo, black, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 39,000 miles only Was £5,995 Now £4,995
2008 (08) Nissan Micra 1.2, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 40,000 miles only Was £6,495 Now £4,995
SOLD 2008 (08) Volkswagen Polo 1.2, red, alloy wheels, air con, central locking, e/windows, CD player, 67,000 miles Was £5,995 Now £4,495
2007 (07) Fiat Panda 1.2, yellow, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 46,000 miles only, one owner Was £4,495 Now £3,495

CONVERTIBLES

2003 (03) Mercedes SL350 Auto, silver, alloy wheels, climate control, heated electric leather memory seats, cruise control, Sat Nav, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, electric hood hard top, 59,000 miles Was £13,995 Now £11,995
2009 (09) Ford Focus CC 2.0, bronze, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, electric hood, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, CD player, 42,000 miles only Was £7,995 Now £6,995
2002 (02) Mercedes SLK 230 Kompressor Auto, blue, alloy wheels, cruise control, remote central locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, leather seats, power hood, air con, 63,000 miles Was £5,495 Now £4,495
2006 (56) Vauxhall Astra Twintop 1.6, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, electric hard top, CD player, 64,000 miles Was £5,495 Now £4,695
2006 (56) Renault Megane Convertible 1.6, silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, electric hood, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 53,000 miles only Was £4,995 Now £3,995

PART EXCHANGE

1998 (R) Audi A4 1.8, silver, alloys, a/c, CD player, 143k £500
2000 (V) Ford Fiesta 1.3, purple, sunroof, 100k £400

CARS ARRIVING DAILY

2011 (61)
BMW 730 Diesel Auto



£25,995

black, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, heated electric leather seats, Sat Nav, Parking sensors, one owner, remote locking, keyless start, 16,000 miles only, stunning

2006 (06)
Hyundai Coupe 2.0



£3,995

silver, alloy wheels, air con, leather seats, cruise control, e/sunroof, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 33,000 miles only

2007 (57)
Citroen C4 Picasso
1.6 Diesel



£6,995

mauve, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 7 seater, 40,000 miles only, one owner

2011 (60)
Vauxhall Meriva 1.4



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CARS FROM £10 PER WEEK

- (06) Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Design Estate, in silver, one previous keeper, low mileage, FSH, half leather, alloys, air con, full electric pack and more £3,995 or £17pw
(58) Renault Megane 1.6 Tech Run 5DR, in saturn, one previous keeper, low mileage, FSH, air con, alloys, full electric pack and more, great value at £3,995 or £17pw
(07) Saab 9-3 Vector Sport Estate, immaculate through-out, with many extras including sat nav, climate/cruise control, half leather and much more £3,995 or £17pw
(06) Mazda 5 Sport 7 Seater MPV, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, superb condition through-out, with many factory fitted extras, value at £3,995 or £17pw
(09) Vauxhall Agila 1.0 Expression 5DR, in saturn, only 30,000 miles, very economical, £30 RFL, with many factory fitted extras, great value at £3,995 or £17pw
(55) Skoda Octavia Ambient TDI Diesel 5DR, in met bronze, one owner, low mileage, FSH, 6 speed, cruise control, alloys, air con, abs and more £3,995 or £17pw
(57) Renault Clio 1.4 Dynamique 5DR, in black, one previous keeper, main dealer FSH, only 20,000 miles, alloys, air con, full electric pack and more £4,295 or £18pw
(06) Toyota Avenis T-Spirit 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, immaculate condition, full leather, air con, alloys, full electric pack and more £4,495 or £18pw
(07) Mazda 3 Ts 5DR, in met blue, one previous keeper, FSH, only 26,000 miles, with many factory fitted extras, superb condition through-out, value £4,495 or £18pw

CARS FROM £20 PER WEEK

- (58) Vauxhall Corsa Club CDTI Diesel, in silver, low mileage, main dealer FSH, very economical £30 RFL, with many factory extras, great value at £4,995 or £20pw
(09) Hyundai i20 1.4 Style 5DR, in met fern, one previous keeper, FSH, half leather, climate control, alloys, full electric pack, CD, MP3, superb condition £4,995 or £20pw
(08) Kia Carens GS CRDi Diesel Auto 7 Seater MPV, in blue, one previous keeper, FSH, fitted with many factory extras, immaculate condition through-out £4,995 or £20pw
(08) Honda Jazz DSI SE 5DR, in grey, low mileage, FSH, superb condition, air con, alloys, abs, CD player, central locking, full electric pack and more, value £5,295 or £22pw
(11) Peugeot 107 1.0 Urban 5DR, in saturn, one previous keeper, very economical, £20 RFL, superb condition through-out, with many factory fitted extras £5,495 or £23pw
(08) Fiat 500 Lounge, in met blue, one owner, FSH, £30 RFL, panoramic sunroof, immaculate, fitted with many factory extras, great value at £5,695 or £24pw
(08) Ford Focus 1.8 Zetec Auto, in fern, one previous keeper, FSH, low mileage, superb condition, alloys, air con, full electric pack, abs and more £5,695 or £24pw
(60) Suzuki Alto S4 Auto 5DR, in saturn, one previous keeper, main dealer FSH, only 10,000 miles, alloys, air con, full electric pack, parking sensors £5,695 or £24pw
(10) Peugeot 207 SW Sport Auto Estate, in grey, one previous keeper, low mileage, main dealer FSH, pan roof, climate control, alloys and more £5,995 or £25pw
(06) Nissan Note 1.6 N-Tec Auto MPV, in grey, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, sat nav, cruise control, air con, privacy glass and more £5,995 or £25pw
(59) Ford Fiesta 1.4 Zetec 5DR, in black, one owner, FSH, immaculate condition, with extras including alloys, air con, Bluetooth, auto lights and more £5,995 or £25pw
(08) Toyota Avenis TR D-4D Diesel 5DR, in silver, one owner, FSH, superb condition, sat nav, Bluetooth, parking sensors, cruise control and more £5,995 or £25pw
(09) Vauxhall Zafira 1.8 Design 7 Seater MPV, in black, one owner, low mileage, service history, immaculate, half leather, air con, alloys and more £5,995 or £25pw
(10) Mazda 2 Sport 1.5 3DR, in silver, low mileage, one previous owner, FSH, cruise/climate control, alloys, full electric pack and more, low RFL £5,995 or £25pw
(11) Vauxhall Corsa 1.2 SXI 5DR, in silver, one previous keeper, FSH, only 12,000 miles, alloys, air con, full electric pack, cruise control and much more £5,995 or £25pw

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

- (10) Vauxhall Insignia Sri Automatic, in silver, low mileage, main dealer FSH, Bluetooth, alloys, air con, parking sensors, cruise control and more £7,995 or £34pw
(61) Kia Soul 2 CRDi Diesel Auto 5DR, in silver, low mileage, FSH, immaculate, with many extras including alloys, air con, full electric pack and more £7,995 or £34pw
(58) Audi A3 MPI SE Auto, in black, one owner, low mileage, FSH, stunning vehicle, alloys, air con, abs, traction control, full electric pack and more £7,995 or £34pw
(08) Suzuki Grand Vitara Diesel 4WD, in saturn, one owner, main dealer FSH, only 20,000 miles from new, with many factory fitted extras, stunning £7,995 or £34pw
(61) Renault Scenic 1.6 Expression MPV, finished in bronze, one owner, main dealer FSH, only 7000 miles, with many factory extras, superb condition £7,995 or £34pw
(60) Saab 9-3 Aero 1.9 Diesel, one owner, service history, full leather, heated seats, climate control, alloys, parking sensors, full electric pack and more £7,995 or £34pw
(13) Skoda Fabia S TSI Auto 5DR, in met blue, one owner, FSH, 14,000 miles, with many factory extras including air con, alloys, electric pack and more £8,495 or £35pw
(08) Audi A4 TDI S-Line Diesel Auto, in blue, one previous keeper, stunning vehicle, sat nav, climate control, alloys, parking sensors and more, superb £8,695 or £36pw
(10) Toyota Avenis TR Valvematic Auto Estate, in silver, one owner, main dealer FSH, low mileage, sat nav, full leather, climate/cruise and more £8,695 or £36pw
(06) Lexus IS 250 SE-L Auto, in silver, one previous keeper, FSH, only 27,000 miles, full leather heated seats, cruise/climate control, alloys and more £8,695 or £36pw
(11) Citroen C4 Grand Picasso VTR Plus Diesel Auto 7 Seater, in black, one owner, main dealer FSH, Bluetooth, parking sensors, air con and more £8,995 or £38pw
(08) Volkswagen Golf GTI 5DR, in black, FSH, 18" alloys, MP3, sports seats, 6 speed, full electric pack, air con and more, stunning looking vehicle £8,995 or £38pw
(13) Vauxhall Corsa Limited Edition, choice of 2 white or red, one owner, FSH, 10,000 miles, high spec, black alloys, pan roof, air con, climate £8,995 or £38pw
(58) BMW 525 SE Diesel Saloon, in met blue, one owner, FSH, full leather, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, parking sensors, sat nav, air con and more £8,995 or £38pw
(59) Volkswagen Golf SE TSI Auto 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, superb condition, with a vast array of factory fitted extras £8,995 or £38pw

CARS FROM £10 PER WEEK

- (07) Nissan Note SE DCI Diesel, in blue, one owner, main dealer FSH, immaculate through-out, air con, full electric pack, auto lights, CD and more £4,495 or £18pw
(11) Mitsubishi Colt, in black, one owner, FSH, only 25,000 miles, very economical, fitted with a vast array of factory extras, immaculate condition £4,695 or £19pw
(10) Nissan Micra 1.4 Acenta 5DR, in silver, one previous keeper, low mileage, FSH, stunning condition, air con, full electric pack, abs, CD and much more £4,695 or £19pw
(59) Toyota Aygo 1.0 Platinum, in silver, one owner, FSH, only 38,000 miles, £20 RFL, half leather, air con, alloys, full electric pack and more, value £4,695 or £19pw
(58) Ford Focus 1.6 Style 5DR, in silver, one previous keeper, FSH, with many factory extras including air con, alloys, full electric pack and more, value at £4,695 or £19pw
(08) Toyota Auris 1.6 T-Spirit 5DR, in met blue, one owner, FSH, with extras including alloys, air con, cruise/traction control, full electric pack and more £4,695 or £19pw
(58) Renault Grand Modus Dynamique DCI Diesel 5DR, in blue, one previous keeper, FSH, 30,000 miles, with many extras, very economical, £30 RFL £4,695 or £19pw
(60) Peugeot 107 1.0 Urban 5DR, in silver, very economical, £20 RFL, FSH, superb condition through-out, with a vast array of factory fitted extras, value at £4,695 or £19pw
(10) Volkswagen Fox 1.2, in grey, one previous keeper, main dealer FSH, only 20,000 miles, very economical, with many factory extras, value at £4,695 or £19pw

CARS FROM £20 PER WEEK

- (11) Renault Clio 1.2 Dynamique Tomtom, finished in metallic grey, one owner, FSH, sat nav, Bluetooth, alloys, full electric pack and much more £5,995 or £25pw
(12) Kia Picanto 1, finished in black, only 8000 miles with service history, outstanding 7 year warranty, one owner, FSH, road tax exempt, value £5,995 or £25pw
(11) Toyota Yaris 1.3 T-Spirit 5DR, finished in met grey, £30 per year road tax, one owner, FSH, sat nav, alloys, full electric pack and much more £5,995 or £25pw
(61) Renault Clio Expression Auto 5DR, in met grey, one owner, 19,000 miles, FSH from new, MP3, air con, abs, full electric pack, exceptional condition £5,995 or £25pw
(09) Mazda 6 TS2 5DR, in grey, one owner, main dealer FSH, only 40,000 miles from new, air con, cruise/traction control, alloys, and more, value £6,295 or £26pw
(60) Vauxhall Meriva SE MPV, in blue, low mileage, FSH, with many factory extras including pan roof, air con, full electric pack and more immaculate £6,495 or £26pw
(11) Peugeot 308 Access HDI Diesel 5DR, in grey, one owner, FSH, £20 RFL, very economical, Alloys, air con, abs, iPod Connection and more £6,495 or £26pw
(59) Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Sri 5DR, in saturn, one owner, FSH, superb condition, with many extras including air con, alloys, full electric pack and more £6,495 or £26pw
(12) Ford Fiesta 1.4 Zetec Auto 5DR, in blue, low mileage, FSH, superb condition through-out, air con, alloys, CD player, full electric pack and more £6,995 or £29pw
(07) Ford Focus ST-3 5DR, in met blue, full leather sport seats, air con, alloys, parking sensors, cruise/traction control, and more, superb condition £6,995 or £29pw
(61) Kia Soul 2 CRDi Diesel 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, alloys, air con, full electric pack, abs, CD and more, value at £6,995 or £29pw
(61) Seat Altea SE DSG TDI Diesel Auto, in silver, one owner, main dealer FSH, alloys, climate/cruise control, full electric pack and more, superb £6,995 or £29pw
(11) Smart ForTwo Cabrio Passion Convertible Auto, in white, 20,000 miles, one owner, FSH, MP3, alloys, sat nav, Bluetooth, heated seats, value £6,995 or £29pw
(10) Renault Grand Scenic Dynamique Tomtom 7 Seater MPV, in silver, one owner, low mileage, sat nav, Bluetooth, climate/cruise, 6 speed and more £6,995 or £29pw
(61) Vauxhall Corsa 1.2 SXI Diesel 5DR, in silver, only 20,000 miles from new, one owner, FSH, £30 RFL, many factory fitted extras, value at £6,995 or £29pw

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

- (09) Vauxhall Antara SE CDTI Diesel Auto 5DR, in blue, one owner, low mileage, FSH, leather heated seats, sat nav, Bluetooth, parking sensors £8,995 or £38pw
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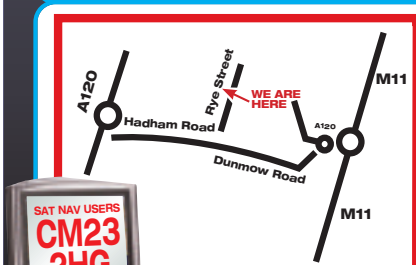
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Date by which responses to be received: 22nd December 2014.

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(Low Hill Road, Roydon) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015

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The closure is scheduled to commence on 09 January 2015 for 4 weeks, or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce to facilitate excavations for a telecommunication duct.

The alternative route will be via Epping Road, Tylers Road, Hamlet Hill, Netherhall Road and vice versa.

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Dated: 12 December 2014

Liz Burr, Head of Network Management, County Hall Chelmsford

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Hockey

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Despite a much improved and disciplined display compared to the last game, Harlow were edged out.

The visitors took the lead when Benn Hagger worked his way into the D, beating numerous tackles to slot home from an angle.

The lead was short-lived as the home team scored to leave the sides level at half-time.

The second half saw a good attacking battle as both teams pushed to find the next goal. This would fall to Redbridge and was followed by a rapid third as the hosts opened up a 3-1 lead to leave Harlow chasing the game.

The deficit could have been worse had it not been for some excellent defending from Harlow.

The visitors had a lot of attacking opportunities, but no one was able to find that clinical touch in front of goal.

Harlow did eventually put the ball in the back of the net when Hagger again found himself dodging tackles to fight his way into the D to rifle home.

The loss means that Harlow have only won once away this season, and that was against Southend, who they welcome to Leventhorpe on Saturday.

Harlow now sit seventh in the division six south east table.

HARLOW: Castillo, Gorringer, Chandler, Greenall, Krzoska, Johnson, Cox, Hagger, Mace, Munro, Boughtwood.

League table

East Men's Hockey League Division Six South East										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Wapping 7	11	8	0	3	37	23	24			
East London 5	11	7	2	2	38	16	23			
Witham 3	11	6	3	2	30	14	21			
Saffron W 5	10	5	4	1	38	22	19			
Waltham F 3	10	6	1	3	32	21	19			
Old Souths 4	10	5	1	4	28	23	16			
HARLOW	11	5	1	5	29	26	16			
Clacton 2	11	4	0	7	27	36	12			
Haverling 3	11	2	2	7	29	38	8			
Redbridge & I 3	11	2	1	8	14	52	7			
Southend 3	11	1	1	9	20	61	4			
Univ of Essex 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Results

ESSEX PREM CUP 3RD RND: FC Cincinnati 0, Sanders Cross Utd 3.
SENIOR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2ND RND: Lindsey St 1, FC Flare 6 (Dan Aves 3, Bob Mullane, Terry Samuels, Stephen Smith).
LEAGUE CUP, 2ND RND: Seen FC 3, Joga Bonito 2.
DIV THREE CUP, QTR-FINAL: Maypole Sports 3, (Matt Sowerby, Bogdan Stanica, Jake White), Ridsden Wood (A) 2 (Jamie Blackman, Aron Flack).
PREM DIV: Maiden 1 (James Misselbrook), Old Town 1, (Ricky Goldblatt).
DIV ONE: Old Town Res 2 (Rob Woodhouse 2), Galacticos 2 (Nicholas Dainton, Dene Oliver-Fitch).
DIV TWO: Frontiers 2, Herald Rovers 1.
DIV THREE: A&A 3 (Scott Ball, Wayne Ball, Ricky Smith), Coppice Row 3; Harberts (A) 0, Frontiers Res 3 (Jack Wagstaff 3); Newtown Rngs 1 (Malani Kurnwenda), Brays Ath 2 (Rob Russell, Aron Weaving).
DIV FOUR: Barretts Rngs 4 (Lewis Cox 3, Sean Painter), Three Sheds 6; Langley FC 1 (Sean McAuley), Newtown Res 5 (John Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Charlie Searing, James Stradling, Dan Jalkens).
HARLOW PREMIER DARTS LEAGUE: Tye Green Foxes 5 (Darren Harlow 180), Moot House 3; Parringdon Lions 2, White Admiral 6 (Andy Booth 180); Golden Swift 2; Sawbridgeworth Brewery 6 (Dan Wood 180); Green Link 1, Servo Link 7; Colt Hatch 4, Parringdon Social 4.

Football

Knight's new battle to end painful memories

But Hawks No.2 is managing to put past behind him

by Alan Scott

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HAVING missed out on playing in the Conference with Canvey Island after sustaining a career-threatening injury, Hawks assistant boss Spencer Knight is now relishing his new role in his first tentative steps on the managerial ladder.

And Knight (36) could not have picked a better season to launch the next step in his management career, with Harlow Town flying high near the top of Ryman North.

Having enjoyed a playing career in and around the upper echelons of non-league, Knight took his first role as an assistant manager when he was appointed No.2 to Harlow boss Danny Chapman last summer.

Although he is enjoying management, it does not compare to playing, when he just came up short of playing at the highest level in non-league football.

His greatest memory in his playing career is also tinged with great sadness.

Knight, a left-sided midfielder, played a key role at Canvey Island in the 2007-08 season, when they won promotion to the Conference after triumphing in the Ryman Premier Division play-off final.

World Cup qualifier

Arguably Canvey's greatest ever side, the team had four players compete in 2010 World Cup qualifiers that season.

But near the end of that campaign, Knight sustained an Achilles injury which dogged his playing days for two years.

He was never quite the same player after that injury.

It was two years ago that he took up his first coaching role.

Knight spent two seasons at Ware coaching under the stewardship of former Harlow player Nicky Ironton.

He learnt a great deal from the experienced Ironton, but felt ready to take his next step up the managerial ladder when Harlow



THE MANAGEMENT: Assistant boss Spencer Knight (left) and boss Danny Chapman

Photo by Vikki Linco

approached him.

But Knight is convinced his playing career is not yet over, although knows he will struggle to get into the present Hawks lineup.

Certainly the left flank is sewn up by the excellent full-back Layne Eadie and winger Shane Stamp.

Knight said: "I'm still learning [management] but I've still got

ambitions to play [more] and hopefully I will get a run out before the end of the season.

Unbeaten

"Mind you I won't get anywhere near our team the way they are playing at the moment."

Along with Canvey, Knight also had spells at Chelmsford, St Albans and Harlow's arch-rivals Bishop's Stortford during a

decent career.

But he is relishing his managerial experience and has ambitions of managing a team of his own in the future.

At the moment though he is revelling in being the number two at a club which has huge ambitions as it aims for the Ryman Premier and beyond.

He said: "I would like to manage eventually. But I would like to win

the league [with Harlow]. I would really like that on my CV."

After a stunning unbeaten run of 20 league games, Harlow are ready to get their season back on track this Saturday when they visit Tilbury in Ryman North.

They have picked up four points in their last four matches but Knight remains confident they can reignite and go on another winning run. Time will tell.

Good cop, bad cop routine not needed says assistant boss

ASSISTANT boss Spencer Knight knows the 'good cop, bad cop' routine will not work with Harlow Town.

Knight, appointed as boss Danny Chapman's No.2 last summer, says the pair try and spice things up to keep the players on their toes.

There has been little need for any bad cop routines with Harlow playing so well and winning most of their matches this term.

Harlow have enjoyed an incredible season which has seen them enjoy an unbeaten run of

20 league games.

Despite the recent stutter, when Harlow suffered their first league defeat of the season at Maldon & Tiptree United last week, Chapman's men are second in Ryman North.

They still have a game in hand on leaders Needham Market and are unbeaten at home.

Knight said: "We can be one or the other [good cop or bad cop]. If you are always shouting or always nice, the players don't respond to that."

"So sometimes I'm a good cop and sometimes I'm a bad cop.

Although in our position I have had no need to be a bad cop."

Knight is hopeful Harlow will attract more fans through the gates as they progress and win more matches this season.

"Success breeds more fans.

People want to see a winning side," he added.

Certainly the crowds are starting to build as the Hawks continue their winning run, and are starting to edge towards the 300-mark now.

If they can seal promotion to the Ryman Premier, gates will surely head towards 500.



OLD PALS' ACT: Spencer Knight (right) congratulates Josh Urquhart

Duo selected for South of England Champs

MARK Hall students Canaan Solomon and Jodi Ratcliff have been selected to run for Essex in the South of England Inter County Cross Country Championships.

This will take place on Saturday in Oxford.

Canaan and Jodi, both 16, have been chosen following impressive form in recent weeks.

Jodi has had two top four placings in the Metropolitan Cross Country League U17 girls races.

Canaan, although competing in the senior men's races at the same event, has showed good form.

He performed superbly at both the McCain Euro Trials at Liverpool last week and earlier in the English Cross Country Championship relays.

Meanwhile, at a 10 out of 10 indoor meeting at Lee Valley Athletic Centre in North London last Friday, Burnt Mill pupils Kyesha Robinson (13) and Sidnie Ward (11) both scored excellent victories in 600m races.

In the U13 age group Sidnie sat with the leaders for 300m before breaking away to romp home 30 metres ahead of the field in a time of 1min 49.1sec.

Kyesha competed in the U15 age group.

She chose front running tactics to win by 20 metres in 1min 49sec.

Hollie McArdell (10), from Harlow, was second in the U13 girls' 600m. She clocked a time of 2:05.7.

Hannah Page (12), a Burnt Mill student, was sixth in the U15 girls' in 2:06.

She followed this up with a PB in the 200m, clocking 31:05 for fourth place in the U15 girls' 200m.

In the weekly Harlow 5km parkrun, three Harlow-based youngsters used the run as training to prepare for the Essex Cross Country Championships next January.

Siena Taylor (Burnt Mill) was 12th in 23:37 in the 5km race.

Olivia Corbett (13), a Mark Hall student, recorded a time of 23:38 for 13th place.

Hayden Maleary (12), a Burnt Mill student, was 14th in 23:39.

Her brother Tod Maleary (12) also competed, securing 29th place in 27:01.

Daisy blooms in winter race

JUNIORS from Harlow Athletic Club competed at the third Essex Cross Country League race of the winter series on Saturday.

On a biting cold day at Great Notley Park in Braintree, several youngsters took part.

In the U11 girls' 3km race, Daisy Herrington had a strong run to finish in third place.

In the U13 boys' 3km race, Kai Boggan was fifth in 10min 22sec, Sam Collins was 20th in 10:48 and Joe Morgan was 29th in 11:06.

In the U15 boys' 4km race, Lewis Harknett was 15th in 13:24 and Christian Barker was 22nd in 13:41.

Rebecca Vears was 12th in the U17 women's 5km race in a time of 19:31.

In the U17 boys' 6km race, Donald Campbell was 31st in 21:13.

Football

Cowley has 20/20 vision for Hawks

Midfielder's target after notching 10th goal

Ryman North	
Harlow Tn 1
Brentwood Tn 1

AFTER moving into double figures with his tenth goal already this campaign, Hawks midfielder Dave Cowley is thirsty for more – and is targeting 20 this season.

Cowley salvaged a point for Harlow Town, who played the final 20 minutes with only 10 men after winger Shane Stamp was sent off for a second yellow card.

Cowley also has 10 assists this term – don't worry he's counting – and is delighted with his goal tally.

He said: "I'm over the moon. It's only the start of December. In my first season at Harlow I got 13 goals. That was three years ago.

"I'm already on 10 now, so I like to think I will beat that.

"I'd like to see if I can get 20 goals this year, but as long as I am creating them, I don't care how we win."

Harlow were the better side in the last 20 minutes and should have snatched a winner, despite being a man down.

"Every team we draw with it feels like a defeat – we are that good and we expect to win every game," said Cowley.

"The main priority for us is to win the league. It's going to be hard. It's a long season."

Brentwood went into Saturday's encounter on a run of six league games unbeaten.

There were chances for both sides and Alex Read had an effort ruled out for offside before the visitors took the lead.

Sam Bantick combined with Sherwin Stanley and the former Bishop's Stortford striker fired a low diagonal shot which found the far side of the net on 35 minutes.

Drilled

Harlow levelled just two minutes after the restart.

Cowley drilled the ball past Brentwood keeper Ollie Bowles following smart link-up play with Read.

After Stamp was sent off, Harlow remained on top.

Brentwood lost Danny Dafter to a straight red in stoppage time following a late tackle, as the



JOY: Dave Cowley (second left) is congratulated by Hawks teammates after equalising

Photos by Vikki Linco



spoils were shared.

Cowley added: "In the first half Brentwood came out of the blocks well. They surprised me. But in the second half we were in control, even when we went down to ten men.

"We showed a lot of character and that's a good sign."

HARLOW TN: Thompson, Martin, Eadie, Urquhart, Matsuzaka, Simms, Appiah (Goodhind), Cowley, Read, Smith, Stamp.



PAIN: Harlow's Shane Stamp (inset) and Brentwood's Danny Dafter get their marching orders

Photos by Vikki Linco

Warriors put side to the sword in big loss

A STRONG Hertfordshire Warriors featuring some of the county's leading National League players inflicted a heavy 120-63 defeat on Harlow Hawks.

The first quarter began with both teams trading baskets for the first few minutes, with a three-pointer from Shab Niaz and scores from Alex Hinds for Harlow in this Herts Basketball League Division One encounter.

Despite further baskets from Richard Whytock and Russ Allan, the Hawks could not

prevent the Warriors from taking a 10-4 run to gain an advantage they would not lose until the final whistle blew.

The Warriors applied full court pressure defence that left the Hawks confused and unable to gain control of possession.

Six points off the bench from Daniel Cohen boosted the visitors.

But a 13-3 run from the home team saw the Hawks trailing 17-32.

The second period saw much

of the same, as the Warriors applied critical defensive pressure at key moments to force errors and make easy scores.

A 12-0 run left the Hawks with a large deficit to overcome at half-time, with the score 63-38 in favour of the Warriors.

The third quarter was the most promising for the Hawks as back-to-back three-pointers from Niaz and some excellent all-round play from Whytock cut the deficit.

However, costly turnovers

meant the game drifted away from Harlow.

The Hawks managed only four points in the final period but fought right to the end.

The Hawks will hope to bounce back in their League Cup quarter-final home clash against Genting Raiders on December 17.

HARLOW HAWKS: S. Niaz (16 pts), R. Allan (10 pts), R. Whytock (10 pts), A. Hinds (8 pts), D. Cohen (8 pts), R. Norkeiunas (7 pts), S. Friedner, S. Burgess, L. Morris.

Third straight Rams' defeat

RFU London Division 3NE	
West Norfolk 42
Harlow 15

THE Rams will look to end their 2014 home programme on a high after a disappointing run of late.

Harlow suffered their third consecutive defeat and their fourth loss in their last five RFU London division three north east matches when they went down to a heavy 42-15 reverse at title-chasing West Norfolk on Saturday.

The Essex side, now fifth, host ninth-placed Stowmarket and will look to bridge the gap on the top four who are starting to break away.

Harlow started very strongly and went into the lead after a period of sustained pressure from the forwards created a try for Peter Frost on 10 minutes.

However, West Norfolk then got on top, scoring four tries in 15 minutes.

A combination of a lack of communication and weak tackling from Harlow and good play from the hosts, saw them establish a 28-5 advantage.

Harlow then reasserted forward dominance and scored again before half-time.

Frost nipped through from a driving maul on 28 minutes to cut the deficit.

West Norfolk scored another very good team try, running the ball back from deep in their own half, to make it 35-10 at half-time.

There was one further score from each side in the second half.

The hosts scored a converted try, while Mark Twinner touched down from a driving maul on the hour.

Kinney's three marathon trek

HARLOW Running Club member Andy Kinney endured an exhausting weekend, completing three marathons in three days.

His gruelling challenge was the Dymchurch Triple Marathon event, held along coastal routes at the Romney Marsh area of Kent.

On Friday, Kinney finished the first marathon in 82nd place out of 91 finishers in 5hr 35min 40sec.

He then came back for more and completed the second run on Saturday in 72nd place out of 78 finishers in 5hr 55min 41sec.

The third stamina-sapping run was on Sunday, and he finished in 56th place out of 67 finishers in 5hr 38min 07sec.

Kinney therefore ended up being on his feet for an incredible 17 hours plus.

Meanwhile, at the Harlow parkrun 5K, Rob Lowe, in his debut at the distance, triumphed out of 73 finishers in an excellent 19:27.

He was followed home by Paul Dixon (18th in 25:09), Jim Bates (19th and first veteran 70 in 25:20), Robin Lozeau (25th in 25:52), Terry Pike (40th in 28:36), Pushpa Mistry (48th in 31:04) and Alan Wellbelove (51st in 31:46).

At the Andover Parkrun 5K in Hampshire, Richard Solomons was 19th out of 132 finishers and first vet 60 in a superb 21:43.

At the Bedford Half Marathon, Colin Moody came home 301st out of 957 finishers in 1:42:22.

At the Basingstoun Belle 10 Mile race, near Royston, Rob Lowe was fourth out of 169 and first vet 40 in 1:01:15. He was followed by Sean Flynn (68th in 1:22:28).

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BOSS: YULE HAVE TO SIGN PLAYERS

Chapman's Christmas list is full as he targets new defenders

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CHRISTMAS is coming but Hawks boss Danny Chapman is hoping it will come early and bring him a couple of defenders.

After the departure of centre-half Dave Kendall and the versatile Michael Toner this week, the Harlow Town manager has had to step up his hunt for new blood.

His need for a new centre-half is more pressing as 17-year-old on-loan Southend United player Dan Matsuzaka is out of Saturday's Ryman North trip to Tilbury.

This is because he will play in tomorrow's FA Youth Cup tie for Southend against Championship club Middlesbrough.

Chapman is talking to three defenders, all currently at Ryman North clubs, and hopes to sign at least two in time for the weekend.

The Hawks boss said: "I hope to bring one or two people in. There are three I am talking to and they are all at Ryman North clubs."

Chapman was not surprised to see Toner leave as he has been offered the opportunity to join Vanarama Conference South side Chelmsford City.

Kendall has quit for Ryman North rivals Cheshunt.

"They both want first team football and we cannot guarantee that," said Chapman.

"Toner has got the opportunity to play for a side in the Conference South and that's a good move for him. There's no problem with me. I wish them all the best and thank them for their service."

Harlow will also be without skipper James Smith for Saturday's trip to Tilbury.

He will also miss Tuesday's away league match against Thamesmead Town as he completes a two-match suspension.

Ground share

This is the start of a tricky period for Harlow as they face three away games in the fortnight before Christmas.



MOVING ON: Michael Toner (main picture, in red) and Dave Kendall (inset) have left Harlow Town

They also face a trip to Cray Wanderers. This will be played on Sunday December 21 as the Kent side ground share Bromley's ground and cannot play on the Saturday.

Chapman is aiming for nine points from these trips as an ideal Christmas present.

"If we can get maximum points from now until December 21st, that will put us in good stead," he

said.

"Everyone knows the Christmas period is an important time of year. It can make or break a season.

Tough

"The games come in a short space of time."

Meanwhile, midfielder Dave Cowley admits Harlow face a tough task picking up points on

their travels, but knows how crucial these games are if the Essex side are to win the league this season.

He said: "We like playing at home. The quality of our surface is good and we play good, entertaining football."

"It's always difficult away. The fans are great at home. When we are away the pitches are not so great. But that's when we have got

to show character.

"Smithy's [James Smith] suspension is a massive blow. He creates a lot of chances. But we have got the players in the squad that can come in and do a job. Hopefully we can keep winning and getting the points."

Harlow's home league game against neighbours Ware on Boxing Day will now kick off at the slightly earlier time of 1pm.

'Aveley were like Sunday pub side'

HAWKS boss Danny Chapman accused Aveley of being "a Sunday League pub side" after being furious with their antics in Monday's 2-1 victory.

Harlow Town closed the gap on Ryman North leaders Needham Market to a point, but Chapman hit out at the Aveley management team.

"There was one point when our player, Junior Appiah, was injured, and it was put out for a throw," he explained.

"Their manager instructed them to throw it into our box and attack it. The way they acted was disgusting. It was like a Sunday League pub side. You can take the manager out of Sunday League but you can't take Sunday League out of the manager."

"In four years as a manager I have never come across that, the ill-discipline. It was a sad thing to see. It was just desperation."

Harlow had taken the lead after 16 minutes. A free-kick was floated into the box and Appiah played it across to Fabian Simms, who poked it home.

Aveley equalised on 31 minutes when Jack Stevenson scored with a tremendous strike from outside the box which flew into a top corner.

Handball

The match was poised at 1-1 when striker Alex Read scored his 30th goal of the season on 64 minutes.

Read had played a wonderful one-two with Hawks skipper James Smith before picking up the return and firing low into a corner to give the visitors an advantage that they would never relinquish.

Harlow had a goal ruled out for handball.

Harlow keeper Ed Thompson twice denied Aveley.

Read then found the net to secure three priceless points.

Hawks midfielder Dave Cowley felt the side dug deep.

He said: "We more than deserved the three points. We were the better side. We showed a lot of character. It was quite tense."

"It was great to get back to winning ways. It was great to go 20 games unbeaten, but at some stage we were going to get beaten. To go 20 games was a massive achievement."

HARLOW TN: Thompson, Martin, Eadie, Urquhart, Simms, Appiah Goodhind, Cowley, Read, Smith, Cuthbert. Subs used: Ironton, Jones, Stamp.



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